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Patients pay with their lives in NHS 'lottery'

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GOING into hospital for a surgical operation is a game of chance in which some patients lose their lives, according to alarming new figures obtained by *The Times*.

The figures show that death rates for patients who have had general surgery across the 192 health districts in England vary greatly, with the highest rate being six times the lowest. They raise questions about the quality of care provided by some hospitals and the distribution of NHS resources.

The hospital at the bottom of the table, the 570-bed Pontefract General Infirmary, has a death rate almost twice that expected judging by the age of patients treated. The one at the top, the Southampton University Hospitals Unit with more than 1100acute beds, has a rate less than one third of that expected.

In orthopaedic surgery the range is even greater, with the highest death rate being 20 times the lowest, but death rates are only available for a quarter of districts.

The figures, extracted from performance statistics issued by the health department, also reveal big variations in other measures of the standard of care, such as cancelled operations, day surgery and waiting times. They expose the myth of the NHS as provider of a uniform service with equal access for all.

The death rates obtained by *The Times* are for 1990-1, the latest available, and relate to adult patients under 65 who die before leaving hospital after general surgery. General surgery is the largest surgical specialty and involves mainly operations on the abdomen. Most hospitals have caseloads of comparable complexity.

Hospitals with the highest death rates are clustered in two areas: Yorkshire/Humberside and northeast London/Essex. These include areas of deprivation where death rates among the whole population are higher because of poverty and other factors. But hospitals in other deprived areas, such as Merseyside, are not among them.

The clustering of the hospitals with the highest death rates suggests that there may be other causes for their high figures, such as the competence of the local doctors or the adequacy of local health resources, according to David Symes, an expert on NHS performance indicators.

However, public health doctors in Yorkshire and North East Thames said they had not examined the death rates and disputed their importance. Dr Bob Haward, director of public health at Yorkshire regional health authority, said: "What happens in a hospital depends on what is going on outside it. I don't find death rates helpful."

Mr Symes, an NHS management consultant who has spent eight years researching the indicators for health authorities, said that the possibility of the clustering occurring by chance was remote. "I think Dr Haward's response is unfortunate. For most indicators there is not much of a pattern. This clustering effect on the death rates is remarkable." Investigation might show that the hospitals were not attracting quality candidates for medical posts, had poor facilities, selected less-healthy patients for surgery or that the local population had special needs.

Paul Kind, a research fellow at the Centre for Health Economics, York University, who published hospital mortality tables five years ago, said that the clustering effect in the latest figures should be investigated.

The government announced in February that it plans to publish league tables of the best performing hospitals next year based on six indicators, but they will not include death rates. Although death rates are issued to health authorities, most managers ignore them.

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Recession over, says jaunty Major

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JANET BUSH

JOHN Major hailed the official end of the longest recession since the 1930s by saying last night that the pendulum was swinging towards growth and that industry was facing unparalleled opportunities.

The prime minister and Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, issued their most confident and upbeat forecasts since the general election after the publication of figures showing that the economy had returned to modest growth in the first quarter of the year after two-and-a-half years of decline.

Mr Lamont said that news of a 0.2 per cent rise in total gross domestic product in the first three months of this year compared with the final quarter of last year and a 0.6 per cent increase in activity in the onshore economy, excluding oil and gas production, was "the best evidence so far that the economy is recovering across a broad front".

The preliminary figures indicated renewed growth in the services sector and suggested, without providing hard figures, a healthy contribution from manufacturing. Overall growth in the first quarter ended eight successive quarters of falling output, the longest uninterrupted downturn since the 1930s.

The Chancellor said that Britain was starting to see the reward of policies that the government had been pursuing over the past few years and that British businesses were seizing the opportunities created by the government. However, the latest survey from the Institute of Directors suggested that the main impetus behind a sharply improved performance was Britain's departure from the European exchange-rate mechanism, a policy reversal forced on the government.

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Clough to retire at end of season

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BRIAN Clough, 58, the controversial manager of Nottingham Forest, has decided to retire at the end of the football season. Amid growing concerns over his health, he will stand down when Forest have played the last two matches in their attempt to avoid relegation from the Premier League.

Graham Taylor, the England manager, said: "Brian's retirement brings to a close a glorious chapter in British football history. His achieve



Clough: able to offend and please at same time

ments are there for everyone to see and, whenever I have had any dealings with him, he has been absolutely first class. He could offend and please you at the same time. But everyone applauds his teams."

Clough's playing career ended prematurely in 1962. Three years later, he became the youngest manager in the Football League when he joined Hartlepool United. He moved to Derby County, where he won the league championship in 1972. In 1975, he joined Forest, where he won the first division championship, four League Cups and two European Cups.

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Police issued bomb alert night before Bishopsgate

■ As the City got back to work and police made several arrests, it was revealed that there had been a warning last week about a likely IRA attack

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT AND RICHARD FORD

POLICE throughout Britain were flashed a specific warning on Friday evening that a major bombing was imminent, but the Special Branch tip failed to prevent the attack that devastated the City of London the next day.

Forces all over the country went on alert, and security was stepped up after Special Branch told senior officers that it did not know where or when to expect the attack. In the City, VIPs were re-routed and road checkpoints were set up, but the police did not intercept the tipper truck containing the one-ton IRA bomb that exploded in Bishopsgate on Saturday morning, killing a photographer and injuring 36 other people.

A traffic camera did, however, capture on film a man climbing down from the lorry's cab, which was parked on double yellow lines with its hazard lights flashing. The man was moving too much for the film to show a clearly-defined image of his face and an early identification is thought unlikely, but a witness has given the police a sketchy description of two men seen getting out of the lorry.

Both wore hooded garments and pulled the hoods over their heads as they got out. The driver is described as 5 ft 8 ins to 5 ft 9 ins, of stocky build and wearing a three-quarter length slate grey anorak and dark trousers. The other man was 5 ft 9 ins, of athletic build, and waring light blue jeans and a distinctive blue and white mottled jean jacket.

Armed detectives have meanwhile arrested a number of men and women in connection with the explosion and they were being questioned at police stations throughout the capital last night.

The disclosure of the Special Branch warning came as demands grew for tighter security measures to protect London's financial centre. One prominent company chairman said the Square Mile should be turned into a walled enclave to which only carefully screened vehicles would be allowed access. But ministers and police are expected to resist demands for severe restrictions, fearing that creating permanent checkpoints would give the terrorists a propaganda victory.

Yesterday, the City made a big show of getting back to "business as usual", although 20,000 people were unable to reach their offices, and John Major insisted that the IRA would not prevent its functioning as "one of the great financial centres of the world".

He told the European Bank for Reconstruction and Redevelopment that the terrorists had won nothing but contempt. "They tried to maim the commerce of the City of London. They failed again. This morning London has given its response. The markets are open in currencies and commodities, stocks and shares, insurance and shipping. In short, today in the City it is business as usual."

One loss assessor expressed private fears, however, that the City could be courting danger by moving too fast to get back into working order, and as if to emphasise the point, a ceiling suddenly collapsed at

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ADRIAN BROOKS



Duty bound: two employees of an insurance firm migrate to temporary offices in the City yesterday

Clinton imposes harsh sanctions on Serbs

BY MARTIN FLETCHER AND TIM JUDAH

PRESIDENT Clinton last night signed an executive order freezing Yugoslav assets and implementing a harsh new regime of Western sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro. But the president appeared to be heading for a clash with Europe by hinting at a preference for arming Bosnia's Muslims rather than the bombing of Serb targets as the next step.

If Mr Clinton seeks to lift the United Nations arms embargo, he risks serious friction with both Britain and France, who prefer air strikes. A senior British source said London's opposition to arming the Muslims was so strong that a rare abstention in a security council vote was possible. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said there was a growing feeling that economic and financial pressures "may not be entirely sufficient". The West was considering "semi-military options", all of which had disadvantages.

In Srebrenica, UN officials said besieging Serb forces were demanding the removal of Canadian UN troops defending the town, on the ground that Muslim fighters had not been fully disarmed.

An exasperated Lord Owen said confrontation with the Bosnian Serbs was "inevitable" following their rejection in Bijeljina yesterday of the Vance-Owen plan. He accused them of "some of the worst abuses of humanitarian rights and actions that we have seen this century".

Lord Owen said that the future would now "be faced up to economically, politically and, if they continue, militarily . . . I personally believe that all those three powers need to be exercised and exercised relentlessly."

Mr Clinton said in the *Boston Globe* he was "convinced that the US cannot just simply decide to bomb a few targets in Bosnia and reverse the situation".

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Hong Kong, not Bosnia, is pattern for the future of Ulster

BY TIM PAT COOGAN

DUBLIN VIEW

Lying amidst the rubble of the City are collateral casualties of the IRA outrage. One is the doctrine of "the acceptable level of violence". The policy of acting as though the problem were merely a security issue containable in six north-eastern Irish counties, has clearly not worked. Nor has the expedient that was meant to resolve the ancient Anglo-Irish strife earlier this century, partition.

In the wake of the explosion and of the Warrington atrocity, angry instant solution formulae are natural and predictable: internment, scrap Articles Two and Three of the Irish Constitution, which lay claim to the North, demand more co-operation from the Republic in hunting down the IRA and on extradition.

These are understandable, but they are also a snare and a delusion. The republic already spends three and a half times as much in percentage terms per capita on security as does the United Kingdom. The amount of explosives and weaponry seizures and the ever swelling toll of IRA men who have been captured by the Gardai are testimony to the republic's anti-terrorism measures.

An indicator of the attitude towards violence displayed by the republic's citizens arose with the peace movement in Dublin and was seen on British television screens in the wake of Warrington.

When Irish courts reject warrants for extradition, they do so to uphold the rule of law, not flout it. Either evidence is of the calibre that convicted the Birmingham Six or the Guildford Four or warrants are sloppily prepared. The root of the problem does not lie in the republic.

We should be clear about the Articles Two and Three issue. The republic is being asked by unionists to scrap these *in advance* of any negotiation concerning the Six Counties' future and with no *guarantee that the unionists intend talks* to lead anywhere.

In the republic, any referendum on the issue would be highly divisive, and virtually certain to fail. Irish-Americans would certainly fund and take part in a "no" campaign. In the Six Counties, the nationalists would see a referendum as abandonment by their constitutional guarantors in Dublin. Sinn Fein would be the main political beneficiary.

The current British bombings, occurrences with which Northern Ireland people have long been painfully familiar, are evidence of the constitutional vacuum not a security lacuna. The situation in Northern Ireland has entered a new and dangerous phase.

Any prospect of meaningful talks on the North's future has been shelved until after the Six Counties' local government elections in deference to the susceptibilities of the county councillors.

Meanwhile, against a back-drop of constitutional paralysis, the Provisionals are stronger than ever. After a quarter of a century of "the Troubles", I know, from my own research, that people who were not even born when I first began writing about the IRA are now activists.

Behind them stretches an inexhaustible reservoir of alienated, working-class recruits. To introduce internment to this situation would be to try putting out a fire with petrol. The West Bank, the Intifada, have strong similarities to West Belfast.

Moreover, the loyalist paramilitaries, from whatever source, have acquired a new and deadly expertise that last year killed more people than did the Provisional IRA.

Recent census shows that the traditional two-thirds Protestant to one third Catholic ratio has altered significantly. The Protestants are now 53 per cent to 41.5 per cent, with the rest prudently describing themselves as "others". Thus population pressure adds to the apprehension historically prevalent amongst loyalists of any colony concerning their long-term situation. There is talk of "the Brits letting the air out of the tyres gently."

The essence of Unionism is based on two things: aversion to Dublin and the continued support of those to whom the Northern majority (diminishing) wish to be united. Yet the British urge them towards Dublin, while proclaiming that there will be no constitutional change without their consent. With this veto in hand, why should they consent?

The palpable lack of affection in the UK for the unionist cause, as distinct from the active detestation for that of the IRA, may take a long while to translate into political action. But the unionists fear it is coming. Hence the need for some pre-emptive ethnic cleansing now.

I believe, however, that Northern Ireland should not be regarded solely in terms of either bombs or Bosnia, but in those of Hong Kong — a long-term British disengagement, involving the assistance of the American, the EC and the UN peace-enforcement presence, with real clout.

It is not the *karma* of the British and the Irish to torture each other for ever. The Israelis and the PLO can sit down together under outside auspices. So too can the British and the Irish, including the Sinn Fein Irish. The umbrella of a new relationship already extends over both Ireland and the UK. It is summed up by two words on the cover of the passport of either an Englishman or an Irishman: European Community.

Within that relationship, there could be crafted, not alone a Constitution without Articles Two and Three, but a new, non-sectarian document, maintaining and protecting the seperate identities of both loyalist and republican and putting to rest one of Europe's most ancient quarrels.

☐ *Tim Pat Coogan has written the definitive reference work on the IRA and a biography of Michael Collins.*

Major scorns terror's failures

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
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HOME VIEW

JOHN Major yesterday declared that the IRA had failed *in its attempt to maim* London and praised the people for making it business as usual in the City.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) after early morning talks with Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, about Saturday's bombing, the prime minister said: "This morning London has given its response. The markets are open."

Mr Major, who will meet Sir Francis McWilliams, the Lord Mayor of London, later this week to discuss tighter security for the Square Mile, said: "The world's terrorists have one thing in common: failure. They fail to attract wide support, they fail the rules of civilised life, they fail to undermine democracy."

He added: "For years terrorists in the UK have tried to bomb and murder their way to a political objective. They have won no sympathy for their cause and nothing but contempt for their campaign. On Saturday they tried to maim the commerce of the City of London.

"They failed again. The EBRD, for one, illustrated that. Close to the explosion, the staff of the bank worked on without interruption.

"This morning, London has given its response. The markets are open in currencies and commodities, stocks and shares, insurance and shipping."

Ministers made plain yesterday their determination to step up the fight against terrorism, aware of concern on the backbenches that tougher measures will be needed to protect the reputation of the City of London. Officials said that there would be no panic response or instant solutions.

Senior government officials said that the government's aim was to achieve the tightest possible security while allowing life to go on as normally as possible.

ADAM BUTLER



Devastation: the weekend's bomb which left this crater in Bishopsgate has been seen as a setback for the MI5's long-term strategy against terrorism on the mainland

MI5 banks on Cold War skills

BY MICHAEL EVANS
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■ **Despite the weekend's setback, MI5 is confident its strategy of deep penetration of IRA cells will pay dividends**

A NEW strategy aimed at long-term penetration and targeting of IRA cells on the mainland by MI5 officers lies at the heart of a tougher intelligence-gathering operation.

The expanded and newly charged counter-terrorism branch of MI5 which is analysing and assessing the weekend's bomb believes that its years of experience in targeting Cold War spies will prove invaluable in its fight against the IRA.

The bombings have been seen as a setback for the new operation, led by MI5 since October 1 last year. But MI5 officers operate on a long-term basis and do not have the same compulsion or requirement, as the police do, to produce instant results.

While some doubts have been raised in public over the effectiveness of the decision to give MI5 the lead role in intelligence-gathering against the IRA over the Metropolitan Police special branch, the security service is slowly changing the emphasis in the way the IRA is countered on the mainland.

Until the decision by Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, to give the new role to MI5, its area of responsibility was confined to all other forms of terrorist threat to the mainland, including that posed by Irish Protestant terrorists.

Stella Rimington, the director general of MI5, is aware that the impact of MI5's new role will take a long time to have any marked affect, but considerable resources are being devoted to the task. The transfer of many officers from the counter-espionage and counter-subversion branches has been completed. Counter-subversion now absorbs less than 5 per cent of MI5's budget.

Surveillance of suspected Cold War spies sometimes took several years because espionage agents had to be caught in the act if they were to be expelled from the country or prosecuted in the courts. The penetration of IRA cells and the creation of a network of informants could also take years to produce tangible results.

Infiltration of the IRA by MI5 on the mainland is acknowledged to be a difficult exercise. In recent years, the IRA leaders in Dublin and Belfast have rotated their so-called active service units on the mainland, so that none of them spend too long in the country, to avoid making them vulnerable to surveillance. The IRA now often use English agents who have lived on the mainland all or most of their lives. The IRA's policy is never to be predictable. This is why infiltration is seen as the key to undermining the terrorists now that they are switching much of their bombing campaign to the mainland.



Rimington: aware of pressure for results

Scotland Yard special branch has not been able to focus its resources on the type of long-term covert intelligence operations planned by MI5.

The difficulty for MI5 in the past was that its counter-terrorist branch never had more than two thirds of the intelligence picture. MI5 officers operate in Northern Ireland in conjunction with the Royal Ulster Constabulary special branch, which has unique experience in intelligence-gathering work. MI5 has also been responsible for intelligence-gathering against the IRA abroad, including the Irish republic.

An overview was denied them because intelligence operations on the mainland were the responsibility of special branch.

The security service under Mrs Rimington seems confident that the IRA can be tackled with a more comprehensive intelligence overview. This has been fully appreciated by the senior officers at the specialа branch and co-operation is described as excellent.

The change in responsibility has brought a different philosophy to intelligence-gathering. MI5 works on the layered principle, under which officers assess terrorist groups from the outside looking in, learning how they function and the environment in which they work before focusing on the terrorist suspects.

Ministers hope that MI5's expertise, developed over 70 years and backed up by the police — who retain full executive powers for carrying out operations leading to prosecution — will eventually thwart the IRA's bombing campaign on the mainland.

Sinn Fein and SDLP at odds on purpose of joint talks

BY EDWARD GORMAN
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THE SDLP and Sinn Fein yesterday publicly disagreed about the purpose of talks between the party leaders, John Hume and Gerry Adams.

The talks, which are causing increasing bitterness and anger among unionists, were described by Mr Adams as an attempt to develop a joint strategy with the SDLP. Speaking to the BBC in Belfast, he said: "We are investigating the possibility of developing an overall political strategy [with the SDLP]."

The Sinn Fein president went on to criticise the leaders of the unionist parties and the Alliance party for condemning the talks, accusing them of letting down their supporters by not working for peace.

IRELAND VIEW

Mr Adams said Sinn Fein wanted to see peace. "We want to see a society in Ireland which reflects the diversity of voices of all the Irish people. Ian Paisley and James Molyneaux have as much a part to play in that new Ireland as John Hume and myself ... We reach out to them to seek accommodation."

Mr Adams's interpretation of the meetings, however, was dismissed by Mark Durkan, chairman of the SDLP and a confidante of Mr Hume. He said the party was not interested in a joint platform with Sinn Fein. Mr Hume was attempting to persuade Mr Adams to propose a non-violent alternative to the IRA and Sinn Fein supporters.

Summing up the first meeting between the men in Londonderry two weeks ago, Mr Durkan said: "It became evident that Sinn Fein remains to be convinced that there was a strategy that could be commended to those currently engaged in violence, as an alternative. John Hume is prepared to try to meet the challenge of being able to outline such a strategy."

The gulf between the British government and the IRA over how to end the conflict in Northern Ireland is such that it is difficult to see where Mr Hume believes there could be room for manoeuvre. He may be exploring links between a ceasefire and a declaration of intent by Britain that it intends to leave the province at some point.

In recent policy documents, Sinn Fein has indicated that this alone could be enough to break the deadlock. But it would be a very difficult pill for the government to swallow and looks a far-fetched idea.

Whatever the outcome, the meetings are already being presented by unionists as a significant obstacle to the resumption of round-table talks. Some believe Mr Hume is deliberately trying to make further inter-party discussions a political impossibility, to avoid agreeing to a limited political solution in Belfast that would not be in his long-term interests.

Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist party, described the SDLP and Sinn Fein yesterday as an effective coalition. "There should now be very great concern in the unionist community that the IRA/Sinn Fein axis along with the SDLP is so openly working together towards a united Ireland," he said.

Muted criticism from within the SDLP is also continuing, with several senior figures privately expressing concern about Mr Hume's joint statement with Mr Adams about their second meeting.

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Police had warning on Friday

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one bank in Bishopsgate yesterday afternoon. Three other buildings may have to be demolished because of severe structural damage and scores of offices were wrecked by the blast. Estimates of the cost of the attack varied widely yesterday, but most insurers seemed to agree that the damage was slightly worse than that caused by the Baltic Exchange bombing last year which cost about £320 million to put right.

Police meanwhile appealed for people who might have seen the tipper lorry being loaded or parked. They are particularly keen to find anyone who saw hundreds of pounds of fertiliser being packed into the lorry, which was stolen from Staffordshire five weeks ago. It may have been loaded in a barn or kept in a lock-up garage.

The bomb, which contained about 10 lb of Semtex, was almost certainly loosely assembled in Ireland and brought over in a container. The authorities have long been concerned that container traffic on the hourly ferries between the two countries is so great that it cannot be properly monitored. A ton of explosive hidden in a 30-ton container is easily lost.

Clinton keeps US minds off London

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU
IN WASHINGTON

OVERSEAS VIEW

THE IRA's latest bombing campaign in London elicited little reaction in America, where the event found only scant coverage in the media, which were preoccupied with domestic issues, such as Mr Clinton's political troubles and Sunday's gay rights march in Washington.

The American financial community, one of the biggest investors in the City of London, has displayed a keener interest, but none of the large Wall Street banks indicated yesterday that they would reappraise their choice of London as their prime location in Europe.

The lack of panic is also partially due to New York's own experience in February, when an underground bomb at the World Trade Centre killed six people and injured hundreds. New Yorkers reacted to this event with calm and equanimity, and they are unlikely to panic about another city's bomb.

By far the biggest single factor affecting America's attitude is London's position as a leading financial centre within Europe. An erosion of that status to the benefit of London's main European competitors, Frankfurt and Paris, is thought to have a far greater impact on American investment psychology than bombs.

Japan: The Japanese business and financial community, intent on the series of four hard-won holidays that begin later this week, barely registered the bombing (Joanna Pitman writes). The news was consigned to inside-page obscurity in the press and only fleetingly mentioned on the television news.

Britain has attracted more direct Japanese investment than any other EC country and Japan's economic interests in London and other parts of the UK are significant. But Japanese businessmen are equally aware that operating in foreign cities brings its risks as well as its rewards. There are unlikely to be any changes made in new or existing Japanese investment strategy.

France: Reaction in French financial circles was muted, with most analysts predicting that the bombing would not seriously undermine London as a commercial centre (Sean Mac Carthaigh writes).

"This isn't the first Irish bomb in the City, and I don't suppose it will be the last," Francois Duye, an executive at Credit Lyonais bank, said. "It doesn't really worry the markets. I see the Footsie is down, but not by any significant amount. The markets were pretty much back to normal this morning."

Others said the referendum in Russia had provoked more anxiety than the television images of destruction from England. But although *Les Echos*, the Paris financial daily, relegated the report of the bombing to four paragraphs at the bottom of its page six, the article warned of an exodus of companies from London if the taxpayer does not pick up the tab.

EC: Foreign journalists covering the annual meeting of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development appeared to treat Saturday's bomb blast near the bank's City headquarters with only mild concern in their reports (Colin Narbrough writes). Terrence Roth, of *The Wall Street Journal* said his reports would do nothing to drive American institutions away from London. He noted that the London bomb was probably less important than the explosion at the World Trade Centre in New York.

A reporter for *The New York Times* said the London bomb was just given factual treatment in his paper. "Just another bomb story", with no particular conclusions drawn about possible impact on London's image as a financial centre.

Koji Morishima, senior correspondent of NHK, the Japanese broadcasting corporation, said that while Japanese bankers were concerned about the slowness of repair work after the Baltic Exchange bomb of last year, they were not being panicked into leaving London for another European centre. "The truth is they cannot leave London," he said, underlining the importance of the City as a front-rank financial centre.



Clinton: first concern of American media

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Draconian security dismissed as propaganda gift

Police resist demands for City 'ring of steel'

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

■ Demands for Belfast-style measures to protect prestige financial targets are seen by ministers as overreaction

THE government and senior police officers will resist demands for sweeping security restrictions to protect the City of London against further attacks by the IRA.

Ministers believe that setting up permanent vehicle checkpoints or building a "ring of steel" around the Square Mile would hand the terrorists with a propaganda victory and be unacceptable to most workers and employers in the City.

The police believe that they are already operating at the margins of the law by carrying out random stop-and-search checks in central London as a deterrent to the bombers and they expect to be challenged in the courts. They believe that in the present climate they could win a test case but pressure is growing on the government to bring in legislation to extend police powers to stop and search vehicles.

Leading ratepayers in the City, including National Westminster bank, are to meet corporation officials on Thursday for discussions on security. Yesterday the City corporation made clear that it would be reluctant to introduce draconian security measures for fear of presenting the wrong image to the rest of the world.

Michael Cassidy, chairman of the corporation's policy committee, said: "The more imposition that one has to bring to City businesses, then the more you are giving victory to the IRA." He added that the setting up of permanent police vehicle checkpoints was alarming some city ratepayers and that creating a "ring of steel" around the Square Mile was impractical as it would seriously inconvenience businesses and their staff.

Owen Kelly, commissioner of the City of London police, said that permanent vehicle checkpoints might become necessary. This would require legislation because the present law allows police to set up roadblocks only if they have reasonable grounds for believing a serious arrestable offence is being or is about to be committed, or if they are looking for someone who intends to commit an offence.

Civil liberties groups said that tightening the law could lead to harassment, particularly of the Irish community in Britain. John Wadham, legal officer with Liberty, said: "We believe the balance as it now stands is about right. We understand why the police want the extra power but do not think their powers should be increased."

Senior police officers know that much tougher security throughout the City would simply force the terrorists to change their target. The increased security around military bases in England and Wales has already caused the IRA to change its tactics and to attack softer targets such as shopping centres, railway stations and chemical and petrol installations.

If the terrorists are stopped from attacking prestige targets in the City, they could divert their attention to the corporate headquarters of large companies that are based outside the capital.

In its present mainland campaign the IRA's attacks have ranged from the mortar bombing of 10 Downing Street, planting of firebombs in provincial stores and bombing of central London and mainline railway stations.

Outlining the tactics more than a year ago, an IRA member said: "You change your tactics to keep them guessing. If you stick to one tactic, you can become predictable and be tracked down. They can find out when you work to a pattern."

In Northern Ireland, closed-circuit television, control zones banning stopping or leaving a car unattended in particular areas, the closure of roads, and restricted access to Belfast city have been introduced to combat terrorism. Court houses surrounded by wire and police stations hidden behind brick walls are common features of the landscape.

Prevented from planting bombs in the shopping centre of Belfast, the IRA bombed the commercial area outside it. The Royal Courts of Justice were damaged so often by bombs that the road outside was first closed by a barrier then by a brick wall.

Even in Northern Ireland, a province of 1.5 million people, it has proved impossible to provide total protection to prestige targets. After a series of attacks in Belfast, the security forces mounted checkpoints on every key road into the city. The cost was enormous. Commuters soon became angry at the lengthy delays. The IRA was deterred from attacking Belfast but switched their bombings to provincial towns.

No government would want to give the IRA the propaganda value of introducing such drastic security measures in the rest of the United Kingdom. Nor would it be possible, given the size of the country and the cost of protecting the great number of potential targets.

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Cutting their cloth: a suit shop in the City of London was immediately back in business yesterday, offering reductions on stock damaged by the bomb blast

Historic sanctuary written off

By John Young

HIDDEN among the ravaged towers of Mammon, the ruins of the tiny ancient church of St Ethelburga Bishopgate mark the most serious historic loss in the devastation caused by Saturday's bomb.

With all but a small part of the east wall destroyed, the diocese of London, English Heritage and the City Corporation agreed that the damage was irreparable.

St Ethelburga's, which had been the smallest church in London, is thought to have been built about 1470. In 1607 the explorer Henry Hudson and his crew of 11, CHURCHES, charged with discovering the northwest passage to Japan and China, received Holy Communion at St Ethelburga's before embarking on their voyage.

Archdeacon Cassidy said yesterday that St Botolph without Bishopgate had suffered significant damage. Most of the windows had been blown out and the roof on the south side was partly destroyed. The church was first mentioned in 1213.

All Hallows London Wall, the work of George Dance the younger, had suffered damage to the windows, joinery, roof beams, ceiling and apse, but was considered to be reparable.

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Office workers hurry back where glaziers fear to tread

By Michael Horsnell

THE safety of documents up to three centuries old was at the centre of Valerie Dalglish's concern as she arrived at her office in the glass-strewn City yesterday.

"A bit dusty, but otherwise all right," she said after sidestepping a door blown off its hinges and mounting the stairs to her office in one of the two remaining Georgian buildings in Devonshire Square.

The documents belong to Greenwich Hospital, the Crown charity for seamen established by royal charter in 1694, and are normally kept at the Public Record Office in Kew, but Mrs Dalglish had taken them out as research material to prepare for the charity's tercentenary.

She was one of thousands of City workers returning to their offices anxious to check that personally invaluable items from filing cabinets to desk diaries were intact.

Mrs Dalglish, property manager for Greenwich Hospital, said: "I wasn't shocked by the bomb — angry, yes. I just thought 'They've done it again'. It's absolutely dreadful. But thank goodness the documents are intact. The relief!"

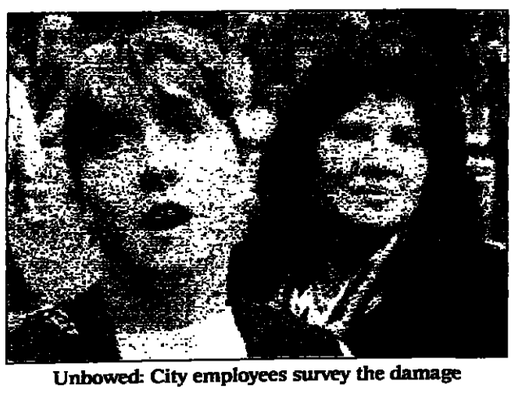
The same could not be said for the building which is less than 200 yards from the epicentre of Saturday's blast. Coopers Hall is owned by the Worshipful Company of Coopers. On the ground floor John Newton, clerk to the livery company, peered through a hole in the wall where a thick fire door used to stand at the entrance to the ornate meeting hall. Mr Newton, who was waiting for a surveyor to check for structural damage to the building, said: "We're severely damaged. You can't begin to imagine the force that would blow down an internal door from an explosion in another street. What do I feel? Total disgust and horror, but my resolve against the perpetrators has been strengthened."

In the windowless Georgian building next door, occupied by Loxleys, the solicitors, the staircase was unsafe to climb, two ceilings had collapsed and the warren of offices was awash with glass. Seventeen dust-covered volumes of the *Encyclopaedia of Form and Precedents*, stacked immaculately on a table, were the last vestiges of orderliness.

The wreckage and concern about structural damage did not stop legal secretary Debbie Donovan, 21, from checking her word processor was working the moment she arrived at 8.30am. She went where glaziers feared to tread: they were called in on Sunday but left after a ceiling came down.

The best news of the morning for the five partners was that clients' records and documents were all intact.

☐ Glazing companies called on scores of craftsmen that they had been forced to lay off to return to work to replace thousands of shattered windows and shop fronts in the City. Dave Green, a contract manager from Solaglass, one of the country's largest glaziers, said: "There won't be a glazier in the land who will be unemployed by the end of the week."



Unbowed: City employees survey the damage

Experts argue over cost

By Jamie Dettmer

LOSS assessors, insurance companies and the Corporation of the City of London were at odds yesterday over the scale of the damage caused by the bombing.

The corporation's senior officers dismissed as "wildly inaccurate" the initial estimate of £1 billion worth of damage and claimed that a "lot of rubbish has been talked about the damage". But several loss assessors said the devastation was far greater than that caused by the bomb last year at the Baltic Exchange.

One loss assessor expressed fears that in its effort to support the government's "business as usual" response to the blast, the City was courting danger by moving too fast to get the financial district into working order.

Mike Jones of the Association of British Insurers said the cost of the damage would be the same as last year, about £300 million. But Adam Brunton of Harris Assessors put the overall cost at about £700 million. "It will depend on how many buildings have to be demolished," he said.

Company chiefs want steel gates over roads

By Tim Jones, Transport Correspondent

THE City should be turned into a medieval-style walled enclave to prevent terrorist attacks, leading financial figures said yesterday.

One company chairman said the Square Mile should be protected by steel security gates with access allowed only to security-screened vehicles.

"The price of such inconvenience would be more than outweighed by the knowledge that people could go about their business in safety," he said.

"The safety and security of the City is essential if London is to maintain its pre-eminent position as the world's leading financial capital."

Saturday's blast, which demonstrated the ease with which the IRA can drive a bomb-laden vehicle into the area, is likely to increase calls for large areas to be pedestrian-only zones.

It could also hasten the government's proposals for the introduction of road pricing, intended to encourage motorists to leave their cars on the periphery of the City and to complete their journey by using public transport.

Michael Cassidy, chairman of the City Corporation's policy and resources committee, said urgent consideration would be given to denying access to all but essential vehicles in certain areas of the City. "The bomb could well be the signal for us to move in that direction, and if the ratepayers demand such action then we will have to consider it," he said.

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Any moves to introduce large-scale pedestrianisation would receive widespread backing, several City analysts said.

In Belfast the main shopping and commercial area is sealed off behind steel gates and anti-crash bollards. Although the security measures make travelling around the city by car more difficult, they have been welcomed by traders and shoppers.

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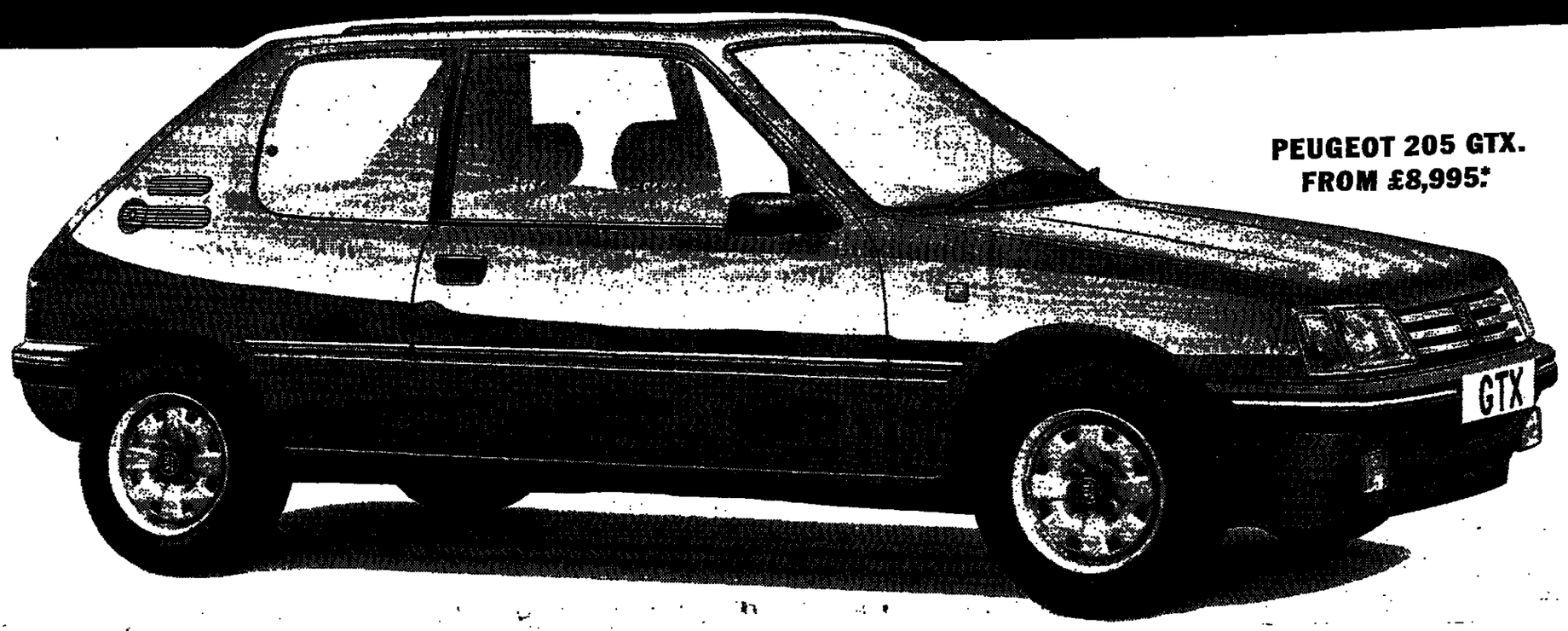
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Clarke orders extradition to US

Cult women to face death plot charges

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

■ **Supporters of two ex-disciples of an Indian guru fear that anti-cult feeling after Waco will jeopardise their trial in Oregon**

TWO British women are to be extradited to the United States to face charges of plotting to murder a state attorney, Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, ordered yesterday.

The women are alleged to have been part of a conspiracy to kill a state official while members of a cult formed by Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, the late Indian guru and mulit-millionaire.

Mr Clarke's decision to order the extradition of Susan Hagan and Sally-Anne Croft caused protests by MPs, who accused the home secretary of allowing political expediency to override justice.

Nicholas Raynsford, Labour MP for Greenwich, said: "The case against Sally-Anne and Susan is threadbare. It is based on unsubstantiated allegations made as part of a plea bargain by discredited individuals."

The women's supporters say the evidence against them is insubstantial and uncorroborated and that there is a danger of a prejudiced trial because of hostility in Oregon towards the sect and its members.

Lord Scarman said last night: "There is great hostility throughout America to these religious cults, which the Waco case illustrates. I can see no evidence that this hostility has died down in Oregon."

Lawyers for Sally-Anne Croft, 42, and Susan Hagan, 45, are considering a challenge to the home secretary's decision by judicial review in the High Court. They have until May 3 to appeal.

Despite last minute attempts by Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, and Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, to stop the women's extradition, the home secretary said he was satsified that a clear *prima facie* case had been found against both women.

In a letter to Mr Clarke earlier this month, Mr Blair said that the evidence against the women was insubstantial. He warned of the dangers of a prejudiced trial in Oregon and said there was a "real risk of a miscarriage of justice".

Lord Longford, who is one of those supporting the women, said last night that the extradition decision was one of the worst by a home secretary in living memory. "It is quite disgraceful." He alleged the decision had been influenced by the potential need for easy extraditon agreements for IRA suspects to the UK.

Mrs Hagan, an aromatherapist and mother of two children, and Ms Croft, a chartered accountant with the City firm Ernst and Young, deny the charges relating to a murder plot dating from 1985. Mrs Hagan, of Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire, and Ms Croft, of Greenwich, southeast London, have been awaiting the home secretary's decision for almost two years.

It is alleged that while members of a religious community set up in the state of Oregon by Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, they were part of a plot to kill Charles Turner, a state attorney. He was involved in investigating immigration offences said to have been committed by cult followers, but despite the alleged plot he was never harmed. The commune collapsed amid bitter internal strife and confrontations with the US authorities.

In a statement issued yesterday, Mr Clarke, who personally considered the matter, said: "The charge is a serious one. The strength of the evidence and the guilt or innocence of the accused should be determined by a court of law and not by me."

He denied that there had been excessive delay by the US authorities and said they had acted in 1990 after obtaining further evidence against the two women, which was not produced for five years and is based on deals done through plea bargaining with the US authorities.

Mr Clarke denied the claim made by the two women that they would not have a fair trail in Oregon due to hostility against the cult and its members in the state. "Any prejudice, if it existed, would also apply to the prosecution witnesses and I find myself unable to believe that a jury in Oregon would be bound to be prejudiced as claimed and I reject that assumption," he said.

Both women left the cult in 1985 after becoming disillusioned with the way it was developing. Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh achieved notoriety for his taste for diamonds and Rolls-Royces and his controversial sex-dominated cult.

CHRIS HARRIS



Flexible deal: the Ukrainian gymnast Elena Gogh, 18, has bartered her coaching skills for a place at the £11,250-a-year Marlborough College, Wiltshire. With Elena behind them, the school team swept the board at the public schools' gymnastic championships last year.

Oil 'fixers' jailed for BP bribes

BY RICHARD DUCE

TWO men who bribed senior staff at BP to disclose information about North Sea oil contracts worth £100 million were each jailed for three years yesterday.

Josef Szrajber, 71, and Paolo Sorelli, 54, demanded a percentage cut before selling the information to German and Japanese firms to help them to secure the lucrative BP contracts, Southwark Crown Court was told.

Judge Pearlman said: "You quite deliberately, as a business, pursued a course of conduct where you obtained the information about the contents of sealed tenders so you could sell this information to other companies. What each of you did was strike at the very root of commercial probity and that has to be treated very seriously indeed."

Szrajber, of Mayfair, London, was also fined £407,000 and Sorelli, of Bayswater, £429,000 after it was agreed that was the extent of their profit. The men, who will serve a further five years in jail if they do not pay the fines, were ordered to pay £65,000 each towards the prosecution costs.

They had denied seven charges of conspiring to defraud BP between June 1988 and July 1989.

During the two-month trial, the prosecution said the corruption centred on BP's procurement department, which relied on a system of sealed bids for contracts. Szrajber and Sorelli paid large bribes to workers who "filched" information from colleagues or raided files. The fraudulently won contracts were worth from £625,000 to £50 million.

Stephen Batten QC, for the prosecution, told the jury it was "good old-fashioned sell your employer down the river for large handfuls of silver corruption".

Police uncovered the bribery during an investigation into another matter when they taped Szrajber, who ran an information business and saw himself as the oil industry's "Mr Fixit".

Nobody from BP has been charged in connection with the offences, but the procurement department at Harlow, Essex, was disbanded and an internal investigation was launched. The company said yesterday: "We have reinstated our own investigation, which continues."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Former sheriff is accused of forgery

A former sheriff of Nottingham was yesterday accused of stealing more than £26,000 from council and government coffers. Shaukat Khan, 44, is alleged to have forged signatures on cheques, made out cheques for youth trips that did not take place and to have stolen grants from Nottingham city and county councils and East Midlands Arts over 18 months. He resigned as sheriff in November 1991 as police began their enquiries into the alleged fraud.

Khan, of Lenton, Nottinghamshire, took the cash in a series of frauds from public funds, Julian Baughan QC, for the prosecution, told Birmingham Crown Court. Mr Khan denies seven counts of forgery, five of theft, three of handling stolen goods and one of obtaining property by deception between February 1990 and August 1991. The trial continues.

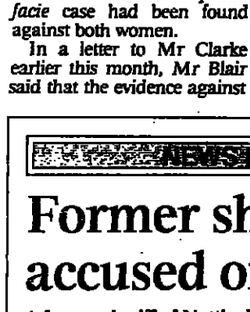
Bar cuts law trainees

The Bar has decided on a three-year trial for a new selection procedure that severely restricts the number of students joining the profession. The new policy, to apply from September next year, will end open-door selection at a time of rapidly rising applications. The Bar will use selection tests to cut the number accepted for its course from over 1,000 to nearer 650, which is in line with the number of funded traineeships. Applicants will take a selection test. The system will be reviewed in 1997.

Classic FM a winner

Classic FM has won the Sony Radio Award for the national station of the year, less than eight months after becoming Britain's first commercial classical music channel. The station, the fourth most popular national channel with almost 2 million more listeners than BBC Radio 3, was commended for "bringing classical music to a mass audience in a fresh and invigorating way". Classic FM also won an award for the best breakfast show (non-contemporary music). The BBC won 25 of the 33 awards.

Actress severs finger

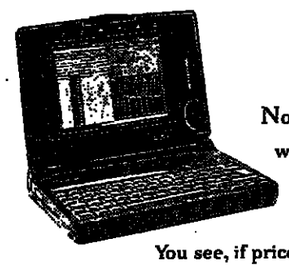


The actress Rosemary Leach, left, was recovering in hospital last night after she severed a finger while folding a garden chair. Miss Leach, 57, underwent several hours surgery to stitch her finger back on. The actress was due to appear in *Separate Tables* by Terence Rattigan at the Theatre Royal, Bath. Last night Jennifer Thorne, her understudy, was preparing to replace her.

Bogus murder clues

A woman who wasted weeks of police time by giving them bogus information about the killer of Rachel Nickell was put on probation yesterday. Wimbledon magistrates were told that Susan Eyles, a trainee accountant aged 32, was schizophrenic and disturbed after the end of her affair with a married man. Eyles, of Bishop's Cleeve, Gloucestershire, repeatedly fed police investigating the Wimbledon Common murder false leads until her phone calls were traced. She was ordered to take psychiatric treatment.

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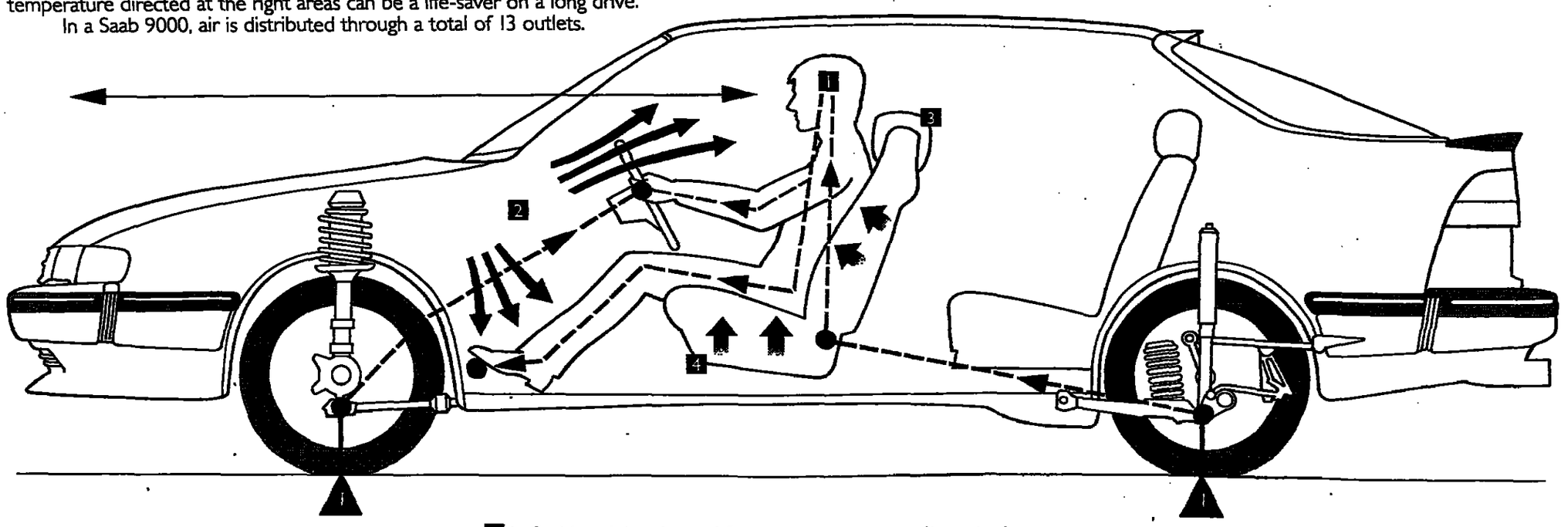
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Diplomatic service spruces its image to boost British trade

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

AN UNPRECEDENTED campaign is being prepared by Foreign Office officials to reverse the "gold braid and gin and tonic" image of Britain's diplomatic service.

The campaign will be launched next month with a speech by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, that will highlight the role of the Foreign Office and its overseas posts in maintaining Britain's influence and boost UK exports.

Ministers and officials are determined to demolish allegations that British overseas representatives have remained cocooned in an Edwardian lifestyle that has been cushioned from the cutbacks affecting other Whitehall departments.

The initiative coincides with a substantial increase in costs demanded of the Foreign Office for international peacekeeping and humanitarian operations, along with the rising cost of Britain's membership of international organisations such as Nato and the Council of Europe.

Foreign Office costs are expected to exceed the resources allocated by the Treasury during 1996-7. Without additional funding, officials will have to trim the big embassies in Washington, Bonn and Paris, or axe some of the smaller posts.

While Britain's international position has declined markedly since the second world war, it is still the world's fifth largest trading nation, officials insist. Britain is the third largest provider of commercial services, exporting 25 per cent of its gross national product, compared with Japan's 11 per cent.

Following the creation in 1991 of the overseas trade services unit, a Foreign Office and Department of Trade and Industry body responsible for export promotion, Britain has secured many overseas contracts, such as Trafalgar House's recent deal to build a £180 million stainless steel plant in South Africa.

It was vital that the Foreign Office and the trade department worked together in pursuit of Britain's commercial interests, Mr Hurd told a private meeting of industrialists recently. "Decisions on whether a British firm gets a major contract do not depend only on the quality and price of the product. In many countries those decisions are taken by a minister or head of a public body. They are part of the ebb and flow of local politics," he said.

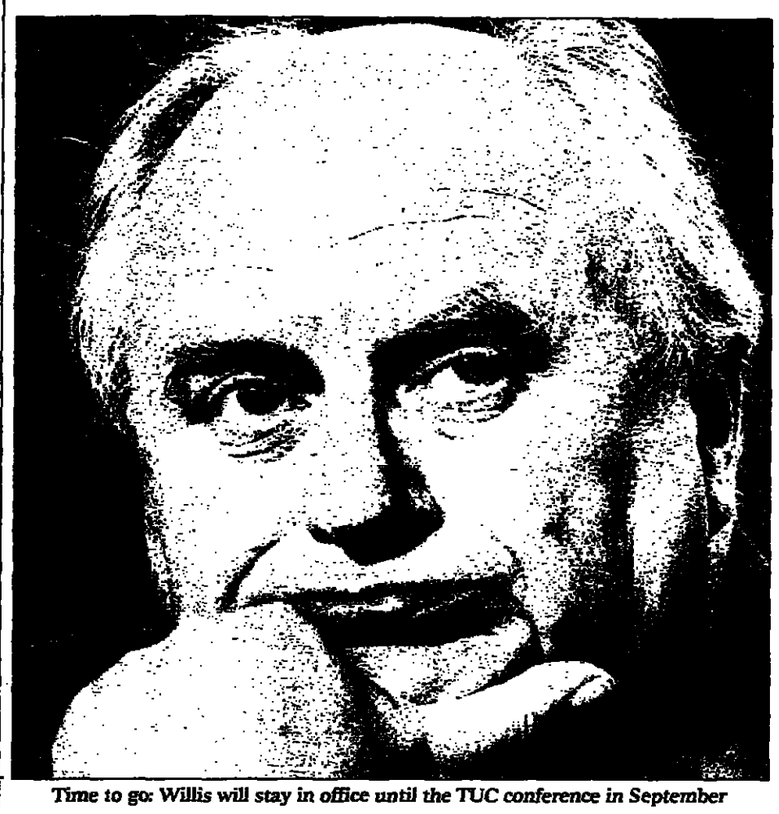
"I would guess that ambassadors in our major markets spend two thirds of their time on commercial business. It might not look as such, on the face of it, giving lunch for the minister of trade, making a point of going down to the transport department, but it adds up access and influence. Without those two, in commercial matters above all, we cannot promote the British interest."

Mr Hurd said that "it would be hard to put a price tag on these efforts. But it would be easy to imagine the cost to British companies, British jobs, of not winning the orders". But it is not just orders that matter. "In some countries British investment is more important than trade. This provides our heads of mission with an important new role — protecting our private sector investors against local government policies, such as discriminatory taxation policy," he said.

There will always be the "big ticket" contracts to win or negotiations on air rights for example, he said. "British Airways' and Virgin's right to fly across Siberia to Tokyo and Seoul did not just appear. It was the result of several rounds of negotiations in Moscow, Tokyo and Seoul, involving the embassies, our transport experts in London, and the airlines," he said.

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Decade as general secretary ends after whispering campaign



Time to go: Willis will stay in office until the TUC conference in September

Willis steps down as TUC leader

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

NORMAN Willis, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, yesterday announced he is to step down down from his post as the leader of Britain's 7.8 million TUC union members.

Mr Willis's leadership has been criticised in a union whispering campaign and in the media. But his supporters stressed yesterday that the biggest split in Britain's unions had been healed in his period of office, with the overwhelming vote by electricians last week in favour of rejoining the TUC.

After informing key union leaders over the weekend of his decision, Mr Willis, 60, formally announced it at a meeting of the TUC's finance and general purposes committee. He will stay in office until the annual conference in Brighton in September.

The government's latest trade union bill includes provisions to outlaw the so-called "Bridlington" principles governing inter-union relations which are at the heart of the TUC's role. Mr Willis, who has held office since 1984, yesterday acknowledged the "enormous challenge" for the TUC from this move, and said dealing with it "will need the best general secretary the TUC has ever had".

His announcement now will allow time for the election of a successor, who is widely expected to be his current deputy, John Monks.

Apart from reuniting the TUC, Mr Willis said he felt proudest of increasing the involvement and representation of women in trade unions, and helping change the unions' traditionally anti-Europe stance. Mr Willis is currently president of the European TUC.

He said his greatest regrets were the continuing exclusion of trade unions from the government's GCHQ communications centre at Cheltenham, the advance of "anti-union legislation" way beyond any public demand for it and the fall in union membership. The TUC has seen the loss of two million members during Mr Willis's period in office.

Kinnock to host BBC chat show

BY RICHARD DUCE

BBC Television executives have decided what to give the man who nearly had everything: Neil Kinnock is to have his own chat show.

The former leader of the Labour party will interview guests for BBC Wales and invite them to select their favourite pieces of archive television material.

Mr Kinnock, whose future has been the subject of considerable speculation since he gave up the leadership after Labour's election defeat, has been accumulating experience with appearances on *Have I Got News For You?*, *Clive Anderson Talks Back* and, most notably, as a stand-in for Jimmy Young on his BBC Radio 2 morning programme.

His own show, called *Six of One*, will be broadcast in the autumn. "It will be a new experience for me to be asking questions rather than answering them," he said.

Among the guests lined up for the show, which will have a *Desert Island Discs* format and is expected to be filmed in Cardiff, are the novelist Leslie Thomas, Gerald Davies, the former Welsh rugby union player, and Terry Jones of Monty Python fame.

Roy Davies, head of factual programmes at BBC Wales, said: "Neil Kinnock's curiosity about people and his interest in their personalities means that he is an ideal host for a series such as this." Jimmy Young, on holiday in Florida, said: "Neil is an excellent communicator. Good luck to the boyo."

Duke helps redundant executives

BY RONALD FAUX

THE Duke of Westminster, relegated from his position as the richest man in Britain by the recession, yesterday launched a project to help executives and middle managers who have fallen on hard times. Called the Manchester Initiative and supported by the YMCA, the scheme will provide professional counselling for those captains and first mates of industry who are made redundant and feel rejected.

"This is an enormous problem," the duke said. "I myself have had the unhappy task of making people redundant who thought they had a job for life. The crucial thing is never to give up hope. The bottom line is that you should never underestimate your own abilities or you'll get depressed and start to think you're useless."

The duke recalled his own trials when, as a young man, his father sent him off round the world with £50 in his pocket. Working his way back to the family estate had qualified him, he said, as a jack of all trades but master of none.

Raymond Gerrard, chairman of the initiative, said the aim was to give comfort, encouragement and reassurance, particularly to those middle managers made redundant when they were heavily committed financially. "They can be frozen like a rabbit caught in car headlights, badly in need of advice and direction," he said.

A team of ten volunteers will act as "friends" to those redundant executives seeking help.

Support grows for abortion on demand

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

MORE people believe that abortion should be available on demand and a surprisingly high number of men support abortion after sex selection tests, according to a survey.

The Gallup poll, commissioned by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, was published yesterday as 50 MPs called on the government to review the principles behind the Abortion Act, which came into effect 25 years ago today. At the weekend anti-abortionists held a series of peaceful demonstrations in cities including London and Cardiff.

The Abortion Act lays down strict rules on eligibility for the procedure, but the Conservative MP Ann Winterton, chairman of the parliamentary Pro-Life Group, said: "In practice, we all know that we have social abortion on demand today. Many of us feel there should be moves to ensure that these will not be carried out in the future."

Of more than 1,000 people interviewed nationally, 31 per cent said abortion should be available on demand compared with 27 per cent five years ago. Most people (86 per cent) opposed abortion after tests to determine the gender, but those in favour included more than one in ten of the men questioned.

Anti-abortionists were concerned that 76 per cent of those questioned by Gallup supported abortion when a baby was handicapped.

The Birth Control Trust described today as "a momentous anniversary for women".

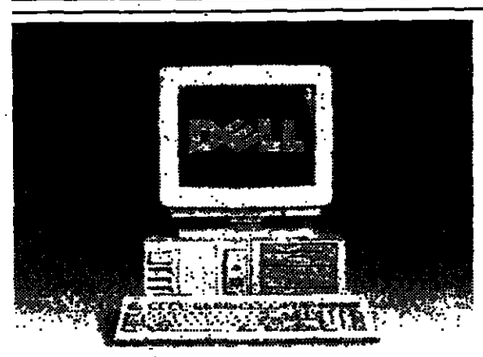
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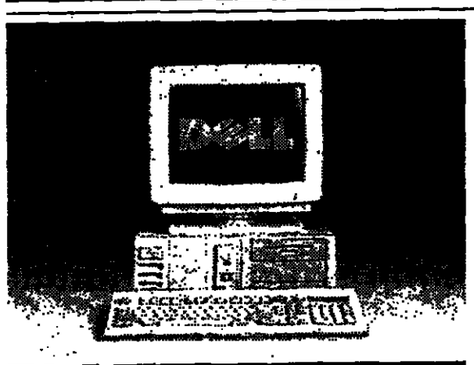
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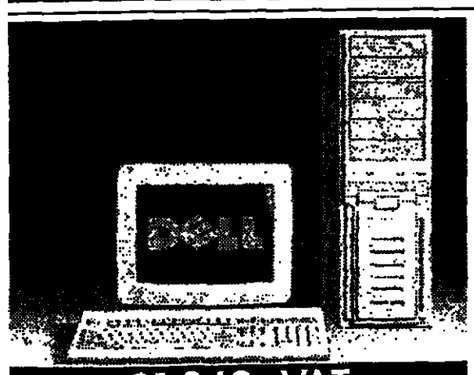
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Travel agents fear thousands could be stranded abroad

FROM HARVEY ELLIOTT IN PALMA

■ Britain's haste to be the good boy of Europe has put this year's package tour customers at risk, the holiday trade says

THOUSANDS of holiday-makers could be stranded abroad this summer with no guarantee of being brought home if their package tour operator goes out of business.

The government has "botched" the introduction of legislation to protect package-tour customers, as required under new EC rules, by hurrying it through, British travel agents were told at their conference in Palma yesterday.

Mike Grindrod, president of the Association of British Travel Agents (Abta), said: "Lewis Carroll at his most imaginative could never have invented anything as topsy-turvy and through a cracked looking glass as Her Majesty's government has concocted in enacting the European Directive on package holidays."

He said that only 5,000 of Britain's 30,000 travel organisers were known to have taken out the required bond amounting to 25 per cent of their turnover, or to have deposited 10 per cent as a bond backed up by insurance. The 5,000 were members of trade associations that ran voluntary bonding schemes. Few of the thousands of other smaller companies had been able to raise the necessary cash.

"What Parliament has enacted is a triumph of dogma over common sense," Mr Grindrod said. Britain alone of all European nations met the legislation deadline of December 31 imposed by Brussels because of "the determination to be the European good boys".

The confusion caused by the EC regulations and their enactment by Parliament was the central topic of conversation among the 2,000 delegates. Each package operator, whether providing travel by air or road, will be required to meet the legislation. Until now Abta and similar organisations have run a voluntary fund to which all members have contributed. It was used to return home customers of any member that had collapsed. Abta has said for many years that the new regulations would present dangerous loopholes but it was unable to prevent the legislation in its present form.

Mr Grindrod said: "These matters will be sorted out by the industry and despite the government — but at a significant cost and at the expense of a number of organisers leaving the market. Many that remain will probably have little recourse in the short term but to operate outside the law."

Many travel organisations do not understand the technicalities of the regulations, which aim to provide a guarantee of repatriation if a firm collapses. Charter airline users are protected under a licensing system, but holidaymakers using scheduled airlines or driving to their destination after a Channel ferry crossing are often less well protected.



DENZIL McNEELANCE

Take a letter: Ann J, left, is one of four inmates employed in the Reed office inside the north London prison

Prisoners file way to freedom

BY IAN MURRAY

ANN J, a long-term prisoner due for release next year, has been given a new uniform at Holloway Prison which she wears with growing confidence. She is one of four inmates given jobs in the first office to take in commercial secretarial work in a British prison.

The scheme to employ inmates as office workers is run at the north London women's prison by Reed Employment, the recruitment agency. Opened two weeks ago, the office operates much like any other. The staff wear crisp white blouses, blue suits and the red, white and blue Reed scarf. Only the heavy smell of institutional food and the belts with heavy chains and keys which the two Reed staff team leaders wear under their jackets indicate the office is part of a prison.

Alec Reed, the company's executive chairman, who devised the scheme after meeting a prisoner looking for work, said: "You may argue that the recession is not the time to give work to prisoners that might otherwise go to law-abiding citizens. We prefer to take the more positive attitude that prisoners should preserve their work skills and learn new ones to help them play a useful role in society."

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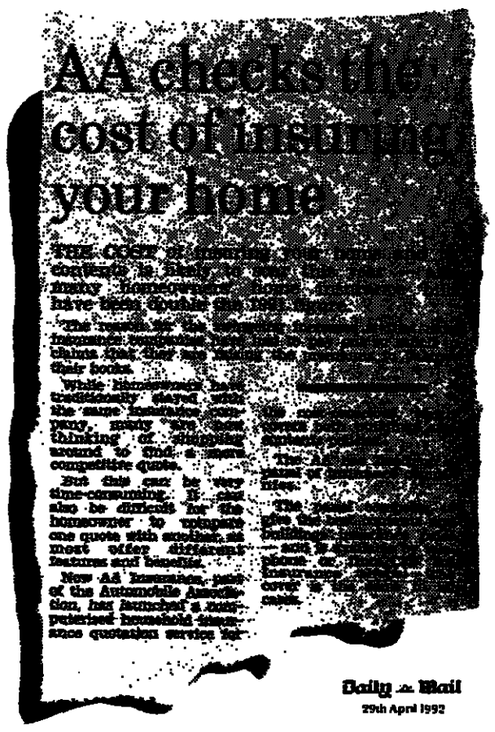
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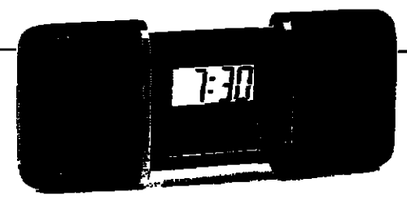
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Sacked captains petition Queen

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A NUMBER of Royal Navy captains made redundant in the first round of service manpower cuts are protesting over a rule which has deprived them of thousands of pounds in compensation and pension money.

The senior officers were approaching their sixth year at the rank of captain when they received their redundancy orders, a blow for the men because of a salary system unique to the navy. After completing six years, captains automatically move up to one-star status, equivalent to a brigadier in the army. Their pension rights and salary rise accordingly.

However, in the first round of navy cuts covering the period April 1, 1992 to March 31, 1993, none of the captains chosen for compulsory redundancy had completed six years.

Captain Michael Sant, whose last job before leaving the service three weeks ago was naval director on the board of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes (Naafi), was three months away from completing his six years.

In a petition to the Queen alleging unfair treatment, he has estimated that he has lost more than £90,000 because of the refusal by the Admiralty Board to delay his redundancy notice by three months. In the first round of navy cuts, the Admiralty Board wanted 25 redundancies among captains. After nine volunteered, six of whom had completed six years in the rank of captain, 16 had to be sacked.

Captain Sant, 52, had been in the navy for 34 years. In his petition to the Queen, he complained that the three months' shortfall in his service career meant that not only would he and his family lose the extra pension entitlement, but the terminal grant given to all those made redundant was also reduced.

He said in the petition: "After 34 years of service this decision is extremely unjust, morally indefensible and wholly contrary to the high standard of personnel care normally exemplified by the Royal Navy."

Captain Sant appealed for his redundancy to be deferred to allow him to complete his six years as captain, or for his redundancy notice to be cancelled. His appeal has been rejected.

The House of Commons defence committee is taking an interest in the issue, although MPs are said to be particularly concerned about the appeals system for servicemen dissatisfied with redundancy arrangements.

Police chief asks why criminals stray

BY RAY CLANCY

CRIME is rising because Britain is failing to discover what makes a criminal act illegally, a chief constable said yesterday on the eve of the publication of the 1992 crime figures.

David Shattock, chief constable of Avon and Somerset, called for a far-reaching debate on law and order so that the present spirit of lawlessness can be reversed.

With his force reporting an increase of about 15 per cent, Mr Shattock does not believe that pouring more money into combating crime is necessarily the best approach. He said: "It is about trying to reduce the prevalent spirit of lawlessness, looking at what is happening in our society which causes people to commit crime with a wholesale disregard for the law."

More than 20,000 vehicles were stolen in Bristol last year. A year ago, Mr Shattock's force launched a diversion unit, aimed at channelling criminals away from offending. The jewel in its crown is the Bristol Wheels Project, for 16- to 25-year-olds who are convicted of car crime.

PC Stephen Poulton, who is seconded to the project for three days a week, said: "When I ask the trainees on the project why they offend, the classic answer is that they don't when they have a job, girl friend, good mates, or something else to occupy their time."

PC Poulton emphasises that it is not a soft option. "The discipline is strict. Although they attend on a voluntary basis, if they fail to turn up or reoffend they end up back in court and could face a custodial sentence." So far, out of 17 youngsters only two have reoffended.



Shattock: why is the law disregarded?

But the project cannot help the growing numbers of 14- and 15-year-olds who steal cars. Last week Bristol magistrates imposed a two-year supervision order on a boy aged 15 who admitted stealing 100 cars since the age of seven. The boy said: "I just cannot help myself. I love the fast ones, the GTis and 16-valve cars. I like driving them all the time. It is a habit. When you get it, it's hard to break. I get a buzz from the thrill of the ride."

Mr Shattock has also been talking to the Association of British Insurers about lower premiums for car owners who fit isolators to their vehicles.

□ *The Times*, in association with GWR-FM radio, is holding an "Any Questions?" evening with a panel of *Times* experts at The Watershed Media Centre, Bristol, at 7.30pm tomorrow. Tickets are available from the centre at 1 Canons Road, Bristol BS1 5TX, at a cost of £2.50 (£1.50 concessions). Credit card holders can call the centre on 0272 253845.

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Young actors' dreams of stardom come a step closer to reality

MICHAEL POWELL



An inspector calls: John Thaw, one of the patrons of Lloyds Bank Theatre Challenge, with the grandmother character from among the finalists, a production for the deaf of Hans Andersen's story *The Sandman* by the Haymarket Young People's Theatre, Leicester

Surgery deaths six times higher in worst hospitals

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

■ League tables that indicate which hospitals give the best care are showing a wide variation in performance

BIG variations in the standard of care provided by Britain's hospitals are revealed in performance figures obtained by *The Times*. The figures show wide differences in death rates, waiting times and efficiency, and highlight the uneven quality of the national health service.

Deaths following general surgery are up to six times higher in some hospitals than others and are clustered in two bands in Yorkshire/Humberside and North East London/Essex.

The proportion of patients waiting more than a year for treatment ranges from less than 1 per cent in the best hospitals to more than 25 per cent in the worst. The proportion of cancelled operating sessions, a sensitive measure of efficiency since cancellations lead to longer waiting times, ranges from less than 1 per cent to more than 45 per cent.

The best hospitals perform over five times more day surgery, which is more convenient for patients and cheaper, as do the worst.

The government announced in February that it plans to publish league tables of the best performing hospitals next year to help patients to choose where they want to be treated and to promote competition. Health organisations immediately criticised the plan, giving a warning that patients risked being misled by inadequate information.

Figures on performance, however, are already collected by the health department and circulated annually to health authorities to enable them to identify problem areas. *The Times* publishes a selection of the figures today to open a debate on their value.

The government has no plans to include death rates among its published indicators but they are issued to health authorities. Critics have argued that indicators which measure the outcome of treatment, such as death rates, are of greatest interest to patients.

The figures for deaths following general surgery show the highest rate for a hospital to be six times the lowest rate. For the death rate following orthopaedic surgery, the highest figure was 20 times the lowest.

Among the 42 districts for which orthopaedic death rates are available, Nottingham University and City hospitals have a combined rate three times higher than expected, while the rate for St Mary's and Central Middlesex hospitals in Parkside, London, is one seventh of that expected.

John Gilby, director of contracts at Nottingham City hospital, said the high death rate "could not be explained easily" and warranted further investigation. "We welcome realistic comparisons between centres. The question is how easy they are to compare."

Hospitals which perform the most operations have the best safety record, according to Paul Kind, research fellow at the Centre for Health Economics, York University, who has studied hospital mortality rates. Surgeons who have most experience in a particular surgical specialty were also safer, he said. Technically it would be possible to produce death rates for individual surgeons but this would be likely to be opposed by the medical profession.

Patients who have operations are more likley to leave hospital alive than other patients because surgeons do not want to waste time and resources operating on someone who is unlikely to survive.

Health management experts said that because the number of deaths in hospital after surgery is small, the rates were subject to big fluctuations. A single disaster, such as an aircrash, could distort the figures for the hospital that treats the survivors. Only with other indicators could they provide useful information on a hospital's performance.

In addition to the death rates, *The Times* has obtained information on three of the six indicators selected for publication by the government in its league tables: patients waiting more than one year, cancelled theatre sessions and day surgery. The figures are for 1990, the latest year available, and relate to 11 of the 14 English health regions. No figures are available for the West Midlands, South Western and Wessex regions.

Taken together the three sets of indicators suggest that the 700-bed Derbyshire Royal Infirmary in Derby is one of the worst performing hospitals. It is among the worst tenth of hospitals for operating sessions cancelled and day surgery performed, and it has a poor record for patients waiting over one year. It has a high death rate in orthopaedics but is average for general surgery.

Last year, the infirmary's application for trust status was rejected and there were management changes. John MacDonald, the new chief executive, who took up his post this month, admitted there had been problems but said they had been solved. Cancelled theatre sessions had been reduced from 20 per cent to 3 per cent and day surgery had increased. Waiting times had also improved, he said.

"The figures are of limited use when they're three years out of date," he said. "They also don't take account of local circumstances. Most day cases are sent to the newer Derby City hospital leaving us to handle the more complex work.

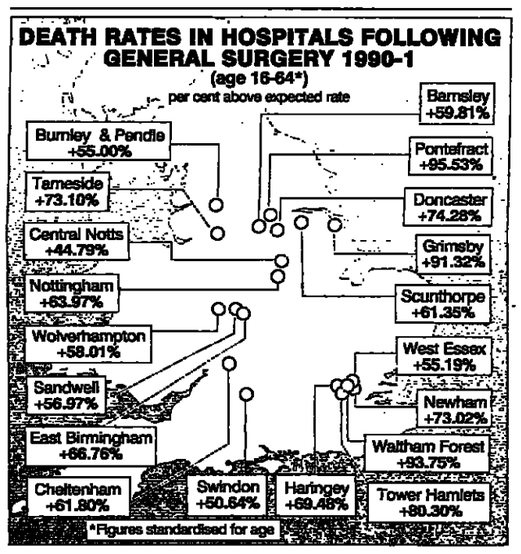
"League tables are helpful in identifying areas to be looked at but they don't provide the answers and they can be hard to explain. The danger is that the public will take them as the answer and judge us on them."

Other managers said that some tables were not comparing like with like. Yvonne Roberts, deputy chief executive of Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, which has the worst record for cancelled operating sessions, said the figure did not fit with the infirmary's good performance on waiting lists. On investigation, the infirmary found the figure included cancelled out-patient theatre sessions in a figure that was meant to refer only to in-patient sessions.

"Being so far out we thought there must be something wrong with the table," Ms Roberts said. "It's not telling the full story."

However, like other managers, she welcomed the principle of publishing league tables. "I don't think they can be bad even if all you do is go away and check the figures. The danger is that they may be misinterpreted."

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SURGERY FIGURES

Hospitals with highest percentage of operating theatre sessions cancelled:

	Per cent
Huddersfield R I	45.76
Leeds Seacroft, Killingbeck, St George hospitals	44.46
Watford G Hospital	30.47
Stoke Mandeville Hosp...	29.78
Gateshead G Hospital	28.95
Charing Cross Hospital	28.30
W Essex hospitals	27.09
Bexley Hospital	26.28
Whittington Hospital	23.99
Salford Children's Hosp.	23.85
Winchester Hospital	23.21
Barnsley Hospital	20.84
Derby R I	20.52
Epsom Health Care NHS Trust	20.39
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BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

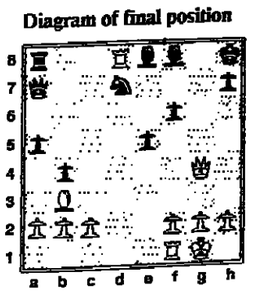
In today's game we see Kasparov in action from his most recent tournament in Linares. Boris Gelfand is one of the world's strongest grandmasters and yet Kasparov brushed him aside in a mere 25 moves.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Boris Gelfand
Linares, Spain.
February 1993

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Diagram of final position



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League tables still not agreed

BY OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE announcement of the government's plan to publish hospital league tables next year came without warning during a speech to NHS managers by Sir Duncan Nichol, NHS chief executive, last February. Sir Duncan gave no details until questioned later by reporters.

He said the Audit Commission was refining the indicators, but at that stage the commission had not been approached. Yesterday, a spokesman said details had still not been agreed. "Our involvement with the league tables is not clear at the moment," he said.

The move is part of the citizen's charter aim of empowering the public with information — the "privatisation of choice" as John Major puts it. Police performance is scrutinised via crime clear-up rates and schools are ranked in examination league tables. Virginia Bottomley, the health secreatary, was under pressure from cabinet colleagues to come up with a similar measure in the NHS. Some health managers welcomed the move but said the information would be open to misinterpretation. "If they keep refining the information eventually we will end up comparing apples with apples instead of with a crate of eggs," said one.



Sir Duncan: surprise announcement

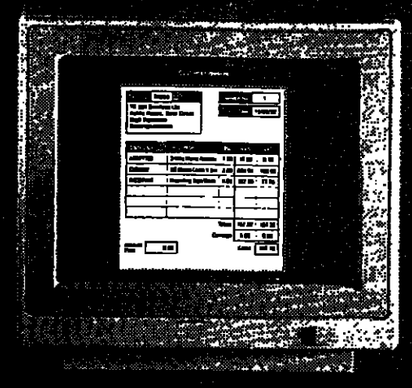
Others gave a warning that collecting the information would be fraught with pitfalls. "The first question will be 'Have they collected the information honestly?', which is unlikely, and then 'Have they added it up correctly?', which is improbable," said one. Recording information on accident and emergency department waiting times, for example, is likely to be good at quiet times but poor at busy times, distorting the picture.

Many MPs also doubt the value of comparing hospitals in rich and poor areas, or with different case loads. But others say the NHS is better suited to such an enterprise than schools, whose pupils and teachers vary far more than patients and doctors. Ministers believe the prospect of being listed will concentrate managers' minds.

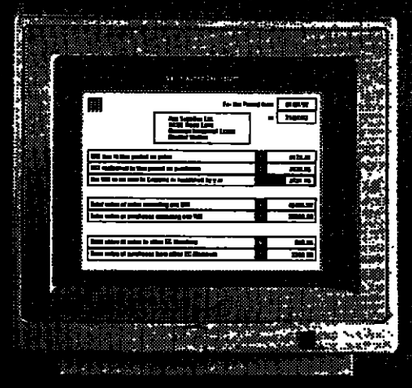
Half a dozen indicators are to be tried out first: waiting times for in-patient admission, waiting times in out-patients, speed of initial assessment in emergency departments, number of cancelled operations, amount of day surgery and ambulance response times.

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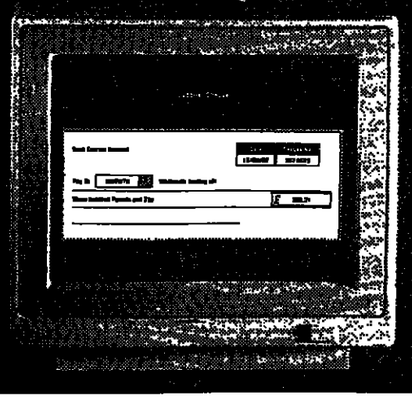
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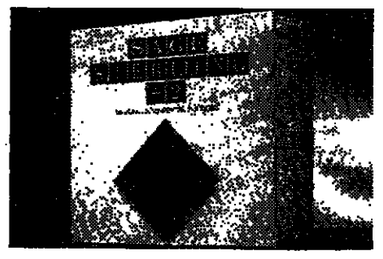
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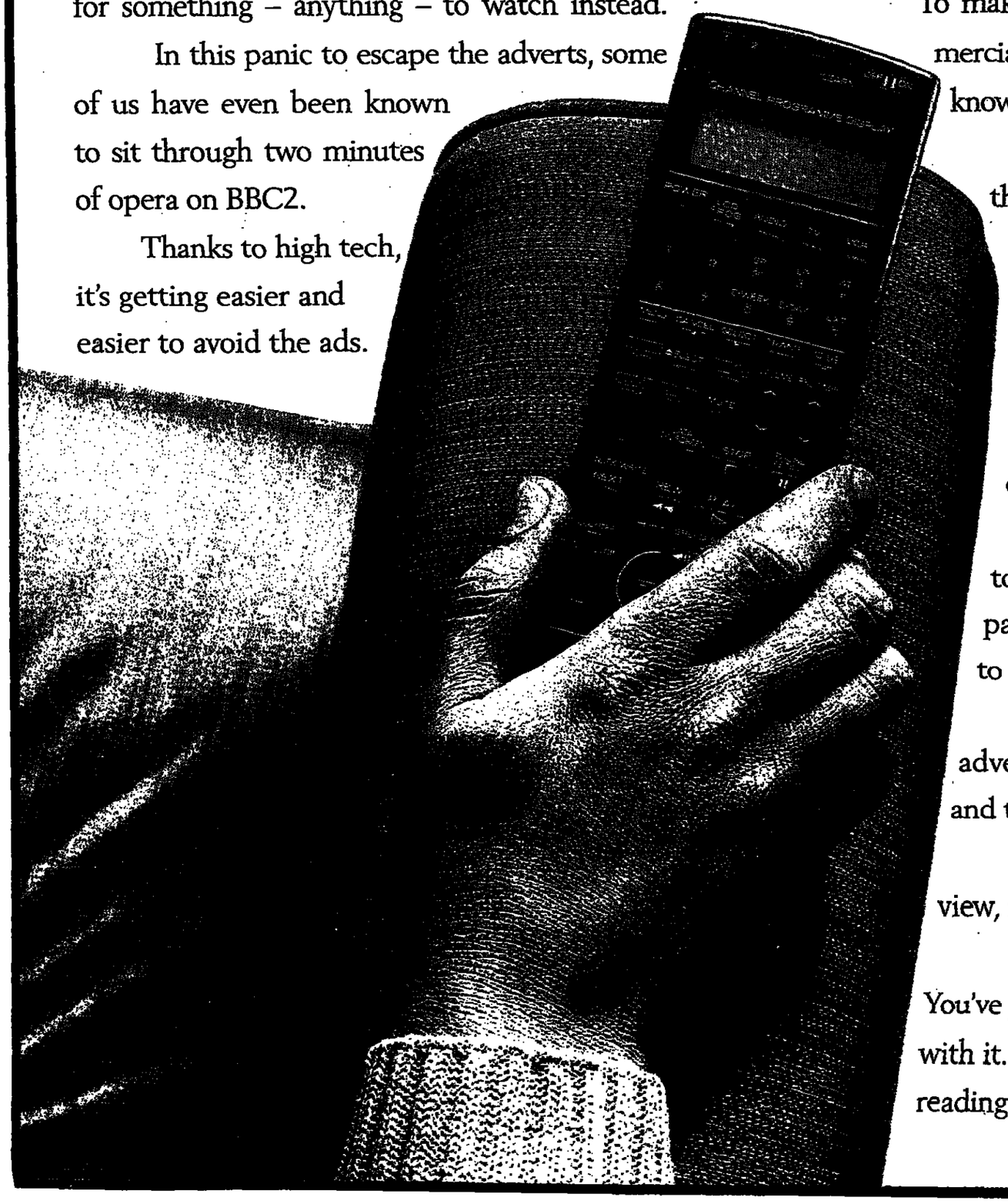
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MPs clash over call for Lamont to resign

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TORY and Labour MPs flung insults at each other yesterday over the publication of a report demanding the resignation of Norman Lamont.

The first five paragraphs of the Treasury committee's report censures the Chancellor. Although the committee is Tory-dominated and chaired by the Conservative MP John Watts, the offending paragraphs were inserted by Labour members in the absence of two Tory MPs.

At the press conference yesterday to launch the report on the March Budget, Nigel Forman, a Conservative member, said he was shocked and appalled at the behaviour of the Labour MPs, led by Brian Sedgemore, in using the absence to amend the report. Their tactics were "puerile and offensive", he said.

John Garrett, a Labour MP, retorted: "That's a bit low. That's offensive."

Another Tory, Quentin Davies, described the insertions as "a piece of very low-grade political sloganising". He accused the Labour MPs of subjecting Mr Lamont to "the most misconceived abuse any minister has had to face".

As John Watts, the committee's Tory chairman, tried to calm his MPs, Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP and the author of the extra paragraphs, said: "The Chancellor has cooked the books, broken election promises and should be dismissed because nobody trusts him."

The Tory MP Barry Legg replied: "Every time Mr Sedgemore comes to the committee he calls for someone's resignation." Mr Garrett accused the Tories of trivialising the debate. Mr Legg snapped back: "It's a shame it's been trivialised by one member of the committee focusing on personalities."

Mr Watts disagreed that Mr Lamont should go. He admonished the MPs for "failing to resist the temptation for a bit of fun and mischief".

The published report accuses Mr Lamont in his pre-1992 election Budget of misleading the country about the dire state of the public finances and making promises which he knew could not be kept. The March Budget's tax increases had to be seen as the price that Britain has to pay for the Chancellor's previous "fiscal irresponsibility" and his failure to explain in 1992 that the public finances were out of control.

The report said the committee was worried about Mr Lamont's "cavalier approach to massaging or falsifying statistics" for political reasons. It added that, since "Black Wednesday", when sterling was forced out of the European exchange-rate mechanism, it had been impossible for the markets or serious commentators to rely on what the Chancellor said. Evidence had also emerged, it said, that Mr Lamont was encouraging his officials to massage statistics for electoral reasons, which added to the lack of confidence in him.

Its conclusion is: "In our view the only solution may be for the prime minister to act on the almost unanimous advice which has come from the City and replace the Chancellor by someone who can inspire more trust."

The report presents a gloomy picture of the economic hurdles ahead, together with implicit criticism of the Chancellor's strategy. Its key concern is the rise in public sector borrowing, pointing to a serious balance of payments problem. "Further tax increases or reductions in public expenditure will be required if the government is to balance the PSBR by the peak of the cycle," it says. Interest rates may have to rise again, it adds, if inflation looks like rising. The decision to extend VAT to domestic fuel was made "primarily for revenue reasons".

☐ *House of Commons Treasury and Civil Service committee: The March 1993 Budget* (Stationery Office £21.70)


STEPHEN MARKESON

Racing uncertainty: David Rendel, the Liberal Democrat candidate, keeps the voters' interests at heart in a horse-racing constituency

Lib Dems struggle to close the gap at Newbury

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ONE in three voters is still undecided about who to support in the Newbury by-election, and the Liberal Democrats still lag substantially behind the Tories, it emerged yesterday.

After canvassing 24,000 people — roughly a third of the constituency — including 7,000 last Saturday, the Liberal Democrats claimed yesterday that they had more than halved the gap with the Conservatives, who had a 12,000 majority at the general election. However, officials admitted that as late as last weekend a third of those canvassed had still not made up their minds, showing little shift since the beginning of the campaign.

While the Liberal Democrats insisted that the party was "closing the gap", they made it clear that David Rendel, their candidate, still had a lot of work to do in the next ten days to pull off a victory.

Earlier Mr Rendel and Matthew Taylor, the Liberal Democrat MP for Truro, showed signs of jitters when questioned about the strength of support for their campaign, indicating that the first signs of recovery could now be beginning to translate into Tory votes.

Labour also weakened their chances by making clear it would prefer a Tory victory with a good showing for Labour rather than a Liberal Democrat win. Robin Cook, the shadow trade and industry secretary, who campaigned in support of Steve Billcliffe, Labour's candidate, said: "If there is a thumping Labour vote in Newbury it will be much more difficult for the government to shrug off."

Mr Rendel tried to talk up the survey results without revealing the exact figures. "We are clearly getting some people who are telling us they voted Tory last time and they are going to vote for us this time," he said. "We also know that a number are seriously considering voting for us this time. If we get a good proportion of those then we will win."

Mr Rendel accused the Tories of deliberately distorting Liberal Democrat policies. "We recognise how deceitful the Tory campaign has been and we need to get across what our real policies are," he said. "We are neither winning nor losing. A large number of people have to be convinced."

Mr Rendel later denied that the initial signs of recovery which had buoyed the government over the past few days would make any difference to Liberal Democrat campaigning. The government had made a mess of the economy and would make a mess of the recovery, he said. There was no question of switching from an issue which still dominated voters' concerns.

The Liberal Democrats' lack of confidence was seized on by the Tory candidate, Julian Davidson: "Hardly a day goes by without further Liberal hypocrisy and gas — the campaign is falling apart. They are on the ropes while the Conservatives are setting the agenda." Mr Davidson had no doubt that the Tories would win on May 6: "It is going extremely well."

The Liberal Democrats took their campaign to the rural villages north of Newbury yesterday before visiting a grant-maintained school in Compton. Teachers at The Down School criticised John Patten's decision to go ahead with compulsory testing of 14-year-olds this summer, arguing that the assessment and the coursework had not been thought through.

Graham Taylor, the head teacher, was astonished to find out later that Mr Rendel and his party do not support testing of the national curriculum.

☐ 1992 general election: **J Chaplin** (C) 37,135; D Rendel (Lib Dem) 24,778; R Hall (L) 3,962; J Wallis (Green) 539. Con majority 12,357.

Summit visitor points to benefits shake-up

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW signs that the government is considering a root-and-branch overhaul of the £80 billion a year welfare state emerged yesterday when it was disclosed that Peter Lilley's weekend summit of ministers and senior civil servants was also attended by one of the most radical outsiders on the Conservative party's policy-making front.

Dr Madsen Pirie, president of the Adam Smith Institute, was a surprise guest at the brainstorming session at Chevening in Kent, the foreign secretary's official country residence. Confidential gatherings of this kind are normally restricted to ministers and their most senior Whitehall officials. The presence of Dr Pirie, who only two months ago urged a far-reaching shake-up of the existing benefits system, was seen by Tory MPs as a further clue that the social security secretary, one of the most right-wing members of the cabinet, is examining politically explosive options.

Dr Pirie's paper *The Radical Agenda* called for changes to allow people to opt out of the basic state pension and to use private alternatives for benefits such as unemployment, maternity benefit, and residential and nursing home care.

As *The Times* learned of Dr Pirie's involvement in the far-reaching review of the welfare state being carried out by Mr Lilley and Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, the social security secretary was under pressure in the Commons to declare his hand. He said: "We will consider all options in the course of our long-term review, which will have the purpose of meeting our objectives, one of which is to focus benefits increasingly on those in need. But also, we want to ensure people have greater control of their own resources ..."

Mr Lilley's words were close to those used by Dr Pirie in his paper in which he said that "instead of being forced to take the range of services which government provides for them ... people will use their new-found choices to compose a mix of services suited to their own needs and circumstances".

Donald Dewar, Labour's social security spokesman, asked Mr Lilley if a decision had been taken in principle that those on middle incomes and above would be asked to opt out of the basic state pension and ultimately from sickness and unemployment benefit. The social security secretary said that such speculation was the result of the media's imagination.

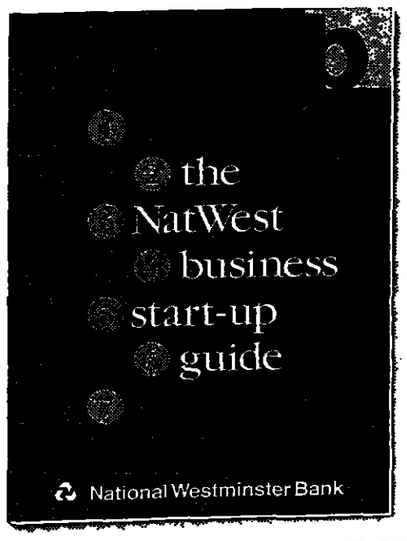
Although he said the government had no intention of breaking its manifesto pledge "to keep the basic pension as the keystone of our policy for retired people", officials later did not rule out some action before the next election. They said it was possible the government would offer younger people incentives to leave the basic state pension and rely on private schemes.

Mr Lilley said the government was also committed to retaining child benefit and uprating it in line with inflation. One option under consideration, probably as a long-term move, is to tax or means-test child benefit.


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POLITICAL SKETCH

Gossip on Westminster bus

Readers who enjoy conversations overheard on buses could do worse than take a stroll through yesterday's Order Paper. You will find there every bee buzzing in MPs' bonnets, for the Paper contains all the early day motions going the rounds.

An early day motion is a proposed debate. None will ever happen, but by drafting a motion an MP at least gets it published. Every time another MP adds his name, it is republished.

Thus the Order Paper acts like the village pump: each new day finds advertised there, all the opinions, slanders and even gossip current at Westminster: a snapshot of who's thinking what, and why.

It is just like being on a bus. There's old Bob Litherland (Labour, Manchester Central) at EDM 1735 complaining about the *Demolition of Tommy Duck's Public House*, joined by ten codgers with names like Stan and Eric. The pub survived the blitz but the brewers may "achieve what Adolf Hitler's Luftwaffe failed to do".

At the front of the bus (EDM 1690) a group of Tory codgers led by the MP for *Burton on Trent are muttering* about the *Head on Beer* (Weights & Measures Act, 1985).

Next door (EDM 1691) Jane Kennedy (Labour, Liverpool Broad Green) and her friends are bewailing the fate of *Pendleton's Ice Cream*, whose manufacturers seem to have gone bust. Talk about food and drink features prominently on our parliamentary bus.

As you would expect in Britain, the other main topics of conversation seem to be sex, illness and animals.

We kick off (EDM 164) with *Myalgic Encephalomyelitis*, which is exercising Mrs Anne Campbell (Labour, Cambridge) and her Bristol friends, Jean and Dawn, and Glenda of Hampstead; while Alice Mahon and her friends complain about *Prescriptions*, and Ian McCartney and Liz Lynne worry about *Myelography and Arachnoiditis*.

Many of our passengers are discussing *Hoover Free-Flight Offers* (EDM 1610), but even special offers cannot compete, as the subject of a good old natter, with sex and animals. Every second motion seems to be about sex or animals.

Badger Culling opens up a clear lead with 107 signatories — but is swiftly overtaken by *Children in Prostitution and Pornography*, in which 162 MPs register an interest. Only 46 tarry over *Pâté de Foie Gras*, but 67 tut-tut about *Broiler Hens*. One hundred and fifty join them in a lengthy discussion of *Animal Welfare* and, for a moment, animals seem to be in the lead ...

But wait! At EDM 1168, sex edges ahead with 152 signatories to a motion about *Prostitution in Thailand*. Add to that, if you will, the 74 members anxious to tell us about *Sex Tourism*, plus the (arguably) related topic of *Skin Diseases* (EDM 1651) and animals fall behind.

A late surge triggered by *Bear Baiting in Pakistan* (53 names) fails to counter *Rape as an Instrument of War*, backed up by *Family Planning* and *China's Birth Control Programme in Tibet*.

Just as we are about to concede the lead to sex as against animals, a splendid rearguard action by *Faroese Whale Slaughter* (1775) *Deer Hunting and the National Trust* (1804) and *Animals in Circuses* (1731) forces sex to an even draw.

But whose is that growl from the back seat? It is Dennis Skinner. A group of freethinkers (*Prayers in the Chamber*) have been remarking on how few MPs attend prayers these days. Skinner has put down an amendment. Insert, he says, the words "and there would be even fewer if there was a collection at the end".

Ministers to face tough spending targets

BY ROBERT MORGAN, POLITICAL STAFF

CABINET ministers have been set "demanding agendas" as the government struggles to cut the public sector borrowing requirement.

Michael Portillo, the chief secretary to the Treasury, yesterday made clear his determination to keep a firm grip on spending. Over the next few years there would be fundamental reviews of all spending commitments against the needs of the 1990s and the next century, he said.

Moving the second reading of the finance bill in the House of Commons, Mr Portillo told MPs that he had already agreed agendas with the secretaries of state for social security, health, education and the Home Office. These departments' spending plans were coming under the closest scrutiny because they are the biggest spenders, Mr Portillo told MPs. The social security budget, for example, costs £80 billion a year, one-third of all public spending.

Mr Portillo echoed John Smith's words when Labour announced its social justice commission: "We must be prepared to examine in an open-minded way some of the fundamental features in our approach. What is the right balance between universal and selective benefits."

General government spending this year was planned to be 45 per cent of gross domestic product. And things were likely to get more difficult in the future, he said. There would continue to be demographic pressures with an ageing population.

"Public expenditure control is necessary and in place. But in present circumstances our commitment to sound public finances requires us to raise more revenue too." This would be done in a way that least affected recovery or incentives.

Defending the decision to impose VAT on domestic fuel and power, Mr Portillo said that it would help significantly in reaching the pledge made at the Earth Summit in Rio to cut carbon dioxide emissions.

Mr Portillo opened his speech with an up-beat assessment of the economy, especially manufacturing. It was, he said, not only alive and well, but performing vigorously.

Filled with a sense of its own destiny, a nation inspired by myths refuses to yield

Bosnian Serbs snub Milosevic plea to accept peace plan

FROM TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

THE world has run headlong into Serbian *inat*, an untranslatable word combining defiance, spite, stubbornness and challenge. Into the early hours in Bijeljina yesterday, deputies in the Bosnian Serb parliament one by one denounced the Vance-Owen peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina.

A demand by Slobodan Milosevic, the president of Serbia, that the Bosnian Serbs agree to the plan came too late and fell on deaf ears. At the eleventh hour the champion of *inat* became himself its victim.

For two years Serbian television and radio has imbued the Serbian people with a sense of history and persecution as Mr Milosevic's Socialist party successfully worked on their sentiments to save its own political skin.

With Western military intervention in Bosnia an increasing probability and swingeing new sanctions coming into force against Serbia, Milicod Macve, the renowned Serbian painter, was parliament's guest of honour. As the deputies faced perhaps the most crucial decision of their lives, he told them: "The Serbs are the genetic navel of the world. Serbian is the only language with which one can communicate with intelligent life on other planets."

As dawn broke, the text of a letter from Mr Milosevic to the Bosnian Serbs was read out on Serbian television. In it he demanded that they sign the Vance-Owen plan because they would otherwise be responsible for triggering new sanctions against the rump Yugoslavia.

Lord Owen, the European Community peace negotiator, had earlier reminded Mr Milosevic that sanctions were easy to impose but, as Iraq has discovered, very difficult to lift. When the first sanctions were introduced a year ago, Mr Milosevic told Serbia that they were unjust and would therefore soon be lifted. Judging by his letter, however, he has taken Lord Owen's point.

Most Serbs remain disoriented by two years of being told that they are victims and that they must support their kin outside Serbia. Deep in the Serbian soul there is a curious sense of their country's role in world history.

Professor Jovan Miric, a psychiatrist at Belgrade University, says: "Some will die because of shortages of food and medicines ... but a number of people will see this as confirmation of the Serbs as a 'mythic nation'. They were the key people in the first world war because of the assassination in Sarajevo and in the second because, by attacking Yugoslavia, Hitler's plans to attack Russia were postponed, which meant the tide turned against him."

The key to understanding *inat*, he argues, is that "such people, in the depth of their soul, like the idea that everything important in the world revolves around the Serbs".

So far, sanctions have taken a terrible toll on Serbia and Montenegro, and the new ones will plug loopholes. But sanctions have so far failed to persuade the Serbs that they must compromise.

A recent poll showed that 54 per cent of them believed they should not compromise. Only 9 per cent said they could not take on the whole world and needed to make concessions.

Serbia and Montenegro have already taken in more than 600,000 refugees, so most people have felt ashamed to complain that their living standards are in serious decline. Whether Mr Milosevic's apparent change of heart will signal a similar shift across the nation remains to be seen.

Three years ago the average salary was between DM30 (£12) and DM50 a day. War and sanctions mean that this is now the monthly average, but the household bills of a family of four are now DM420. Industry has been devastated. Only 10 per cent of enterprises are working normally and inflation is running at 4 per cent a day — more than 200 per cent a month.

After a year of sanctions most goods are, amazingly, still available in the shops, but few people can afford to buy them. New sanctions will cut the shipment of goods across Yugoslavia and so reduce up to 90 per cent of sanctions-busting imports. GDP per capita is estimated to be down from $3,000 to a mere $500.

That part of Serbia's middle class which prefers decent living standards to *inat* is queuing to get out. Every day hundreds wait at foreign embassies for visas to leave. For those who stay behind, economists predict that Cuba will be Serbia's model.

☐ **Nicosia:** The central bank of Cyprus said yesterday that it would freeze the assets of a large Yugoslav bank run by a close friend of Mr Milosevic once tough new United Nations sanctions are in place against Serbia and Montenegro later today (Michael Theodoulou writes). The assets of two other Serbian banks and scores of off-shore companies owned or controlled by Belgrade would also be frozen, it said.

London and Washington are relying on the new UN resolution to paralyse a sophisticated, sanctions-busting infrastructure they say Belgrade established in Cyprus last year. "The State Department has told the Cyprus central bank that the island remains the global key to Serbian financial trade," an American official said last week.

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Sniper patrol: Friedrich Adolf, a German mercenary with the Bosnian forces, leading snipers in the Sarajevo suburb of Stup. Muslims expect a new phase in fighting following the Serb rejection of the peace agreement



Pilgrims put faith in village 'miracle'

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MEDUGORJE BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

EVEN when the boom of heavy artillery rumbles in the valley below this sprawling village, the pilgrims of Medugorje have faith that the Virgin Mary will protect them from the violence of the former Yugoslavia.

Hundreds of Roman Catholics from around the world make the journey each week to this Croat village where the mother of God appears to local young people, giving reminders of the need for peace and goodwill.

Certainly Maria Gallipeau, 40, from New York state, had the faith of her convictions when she arrived here last week, oblivious to the battles in the nearby town of Mostar between Muslim and Croat fighters. "I would say without any hesitation that this is one of the most peaceful places on Earth," she declared. "I am definitely coming back again, maybe with some of my children next time."

She is the latest pilgrim among millions of Catholics who have been drawn to Medugorje since six children from the village reported seeing an apparition of the Virgin on a hill on June 24, 1981. Although the Yugoslav authorities and the Catholic church at first refused to recognise the "miracle", that did not stop the faithful making the journey and turning this sleepy agricultural village into a booming religious resort. "We still had more than 3,000 pilgrims celebrating Easter this year," said Brother Tony.

The Vatican has not yet ruled on the legitimacy of the visions. Sister Emmanuel recalled that when the war broke out last year local people urged the nuns to flee. "We told them that the Holy Mother, who has chosen this site to deliver her message to the world, will decide. It is God's will for us to stay."

Locals say the village is "miraculoulsy protected". A Serbian pilot sent on a mission to bomb Medugorje was reportedly lost in clouds and broke off the attack. Although the village has been hit three times, the only casualties were a cow, a dog and a chicken.



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Colonel Bob fights high-profile campaign to silence the guns

TOM RHODES IN VITEZ

■ The colonel was set an impossible task. Despite this, he will leave Bosnia next month after achieving a great deal, even in a role limited to keeping the peace

BOB Simon, the veteran CBS war correspondent now in central Bosnia, was filming a live shot for the morning news in New York this week when he suddenly heard a loud voice behind the camera: "Hey Bob, nice to see you again." It was Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart, the commander of the British forces in Vitez, who was standing semi-naked at his window having just taken a bath.

"If you will excuse me for a moment, there is a half-naked British colonel talking to me," Simon told his American viewers. The two had a convivial chat, in which Simon allayed any fears that he was filming the local Croat artillery position behind the lieutenant colonel's garden and then back to work. It was not an untypical scene from the 43-year-old British commander who has turned the often precarious business of public relations into an art form.

Since arriving at Vitez almost six months ago, he has maintained an extraordinarily high profile within the British media, which has largely viewed him as a force for good in a singularly unpleasant war. In the past week, however, he has not merely graced the front pages of many American journals but he has been seen on television screens from New York to Seattle. President Clinton's possible decision to involve America in the conflict has brought American journalists to Vitez in their droves.

Spending a day with Colonel Bob, as he is universally known, is more hectic than following the average celebrity. Where Mick Jagger possesses a limousine and several flunkies, Lt Col Stewart has a whole array of armoured vehicles and an army at his disposal. Even the warring factions of central Bosnia are reluctant to argue with the weaponry of a Warrior, and in spite of their apparent mockery of the United Nations forces here they appear to have a grudging respect for the British colonel.

Yesterday was a day for consolidation. The fragile ceasefire between Muslim and Croat was holding, just. It was time to visit the commanders on both sides. First stop was the headquarters of the Bosnian Croat army, the HVO, in Busovaca, where Dario Kordic, the languid regional commander, granted the colonel a reasonable audience and, unusually, invited the media to hear his statement. Rosary hanging from his neck, he blamed the Muslims for attacking civilians and for making the ceasefire unworkable. He did however admit that former members of the extreme nationalist Croat force, the HOS, were thought to be responsible for the atrocities at Ahinici. He said that he had arrested five men in connection with the crimes. "They will be brought to justice."

There was little happening in the villages above Busovaca, and Colonel Bob then set of for Zenica, the Muslim stronghold and headquarters of the powerful soldier, Enver Hadzihasanovic, commander of the Third Corps of the BiH, the Bosnian army. The rapport between the two was clearly much stronger. Enver Hadzihasanovic is a professional former soldier of the JNA, the former Yugoslav army. Dario Kordic, on the other hand, is a politician turned militiaman. The Muslim leader naturally blamed the Croats for the horrific ethnic cleansing and for their constant aggression which has made this latest ceasefire so difficult.

Then it was back to Vitez, stopping en route to witness a group of eight Bosnian Muslims dressed in fundamentalist bandanas, firing shots in the air and shouting "*Allahu Akhbar*" to an audience of amused children. In the village of Poculica, further on, a Croat house was smouldering by the side of the road. The building next door had been smashed and looted and a makeshift BiH flag hung from the balcony. Here, Lt Col Stewart stopped the cavalcade and made an inspection. "I want you to see that this happens on both sides," he said. "There is no easy solution to this conflict."

Adjusting the blue UN beret over his silvery hair, the colonel then leapt on board his command Warrior and made for home. It had been a fairly uneventful day by his standards. He had not lambasted an HVO soldier in Ahinici and he had not personally returned fire. He had, nevertheless, attempted to keep the peace — something which many would say is far beyond the mandate of the UN troops on the ground.

There are those who say that Lt Col Stewart, who leaves Bosnia next month, has adopted an almost slavish attitude to the media. "He came in with a bang and he is making certain that he leaves on the same note," said one of his officers rather disparagingly. There is an element of truth in that. But, seeing the way he talks to the fighters and the locals in each and every village it is difficult to criticise the evident humanity of the man.

His personal feelings of outrage are shared by his men and underline for the politicians back home how difficult the mission has been for the British troops engaged in this humanitarian operation.

He has been left with an impossible task and one which many might argue should never have been given to outside forces. Under the circumstances, Bob Stewart has achieved a great deal.



In focus: Lt Col Bob Stewart, in charge of British forces in Vitez, has attracted media attention

Storm over Maastricht as Hurd hints at ditching Danes


Rasmussen: says country might have to leave EC

BY CHRISTOPHER FOLLET IN COPENHAGEN AND NICHOLAS WOOD

■ In Copenhagen commentators believe Mr Hurd's comments on Maastricht will leave the "no" camp unmoved, but angry shock waves have been felt in London

REMARKS by Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, that Britain might seek "another arrangement" on European union in the event of a Danish "no" at their second referendum on the Maastricht treaty, dominated the headlines in Copenhagen yesterday.

"New British 'no' can isolate Denmark", the conservative *Berlingske Tidende* said. "British support gone", the rival independent *Politiken*, said. But most commentators saw Mr Hurd's remarks as of little importance in the campaign for next month's referendum, reinforcing if anything the "yes" argument but leaving the "no" camp largely unmoved.

In London, however, prominent backbench Conservative opponents of the Maastricht treaty reacted angrily yesterday to the alleged U-turn by the Foreign Secretary. William Cash, MP for Stafford, accused Mr Hurd of bullying tactics and James Cran, MP for Beverley, said that Mr Hurd was guilty of a breach of faith.

The dispute began after Mr Hurd, speaking in Denmark on Sunday, appeared to repudiate a pledge given in December that Britain would not join attempts to negotiate a new treaty with the other ten European Community member states if the Danes again rejected Maastricht.

After the Edinburgh summit, Mr Hurd had said that it would be possible for other countries to "go into a corner and negotiate a new treaty of a smaller number". He added: "That would not include us. It is not a political reality to suppose we would sit down and negotiate a new treaty of wherever-it-is with 11 members without Denmark."

On Sunday, in words regarded as boosting the "yes" campaign in Denmark, Mr Hurd suggested that Denmark might be isolated and spoke of a "crisis affecting Denmark's position within the EC" if it rejected the treaty. He added: "I am not saying we would not take part in any further arrangements."

While the Tory Eurosceptics fulminated over Mr Hurd's alleged change of tack, Downing Street officials sidestepped the question, saying that it was pointless to speculate over the impact of a rebuff for the treaty when it was "more and more likely" Denmark would accept it. Danes vote on May 18 on a revised treaty pruned of elements unpalatable to them, such as plans for a common EC currency and defence policy. All opinion polls have shown majority support for a "yes" vote, with the pro-Maastricht campaign noting increasing support in recent weeks. A Gallup poll on Sunday indicated that 48 per cent of voters favoured the revised pact, 28 per cent were against, and the rest were undecided or not voting.

Mr Cash said that Mr Hurd should repudiate his remarks. "These remarks have been construed by Danish government officials as a ploy by Mr Hurd to reinforce the 'yes' vote and are designed to alarm the Danish electorate. It is nothing short of the bullying tactics which the British government has stated it would never indulge in over Denmark."

Professor Niels Meyer, a leader of the anti-Maastricht June Movement, said: "Everything being equal, I think the British position could weaken us a little. This is an attempt to scare the Danes ... but I am not seriously worried about it. It would have been nice, though, if Britain had been able to keep its promise to Denmark."

Pia Kjaersgaard, leader of the right-wing Progress Party, which is the only one of eight parties in the Danish parliament to oppose the treaty, said that Mr Hurd's remarks were "nothing new". She added: "His remarks have been manipulated by the press in the short and dirty campaign up to our referendum. If Maastricht is toppled, of course Britain will have to make other arrangements, just as Denmark will."

Mr Hurd's comments nonetheless were seen by some as an apparent shift from Britain's previous insistence that Denmark should not be left behind if it again rejected Maastricht. Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, the Danish prime minister, and others in favour of Maastricht have also warned voters of isolation, saying that if Denmark votes "no" the country might be forced to leave the EC.

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Scalfaro asks head of Bank of Italy to form government

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

PRESIDENT Scalfaro yesterday asked Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the governor of the Bank of Italy, to become prime minister designate and form Italy's fifty-second post-war government.

Signor Ciampi, 72, is a highly-respected figure, both at home and internationally, who is considered above party politics and as such ideal to lead Italy out of the moral morass caused by its corruption scandal. He will receive a mandate to put together a new-style, non-partisan administration to oversee electoral and economic reform.

Signor Ciampi was appointed governor of the central bank in 1979 and pressure on his part led to the exposure of huge fraud at the Banco Ambrosiano, whose chairman, Roberto Calvi, was found hanged in London in 1982. The choice of Signor Ciampi is seen by commentators as a radical change in Italian politics. In the past, prime ministers have always been vetted by and drawn from political parties, but Signor Ciampi is a career banker.

The Christian Democrats and the Socialists pledged support for Signor Ciampi yesterday and Signor Scalfaro assured Gerardo Bianco, the Christian Democrat whip, that the prime minister delegate would have a free hand in choosing his ministers, another novelty. He is expected to call on experts from across the political spectrum to fill his cabinet. It is unlikely that it will be more than a high-level interim administration designed to last until a general election that will be decided under a first-past-the-post voting system.

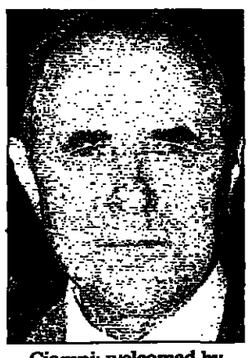
Signor Scalfaro held three days of consultations over the replacement of Giuliano Amato, the Socialist prime minister, who resigned last week in recognition of the desire for change expressed by 83 per cent of Italians in the recent referendum on political reform. The announcement that Signor Ciampi was likely to form a cabinet sent the lira soaring against the mark. The Milan stock exchange also reacted positively in anticipation that his appointment would ensure continuation of plans by Signor Amato to privatise the state sector and introduce austerity policies to bring down public debt.

The prospect was welcomed by Innocenzo Cippoletta, the director general of Confindustria, the federation of employers. "This would be a beautiful outcome," he said. Trade unions responded cautiously. "This is a balanced solution," Raffaele Morese, of the CISL union federation, said.

During his long career at the Bank of Italy, starting in 1946, Signor Ciampi was a lone voice against profligate public spending. If he becomes prime minister he is expected to introduce austerity with a ruthlessness shunned by professional politicians.

One of his greatest achievements was to obtain independence for the Bank of Italy from the treasury in 1981. Thereafter the bank no longer was legally obliged to buy unsold treasury bonds. This meant the treasury could no longer subsidise the budget deficit by printing money.

The divorce between the treasury and the bank had a salutary effect on inflation and


Ciampi: welcomed by Italian industry

the role of Signor Ciampi in abolishing exchange controls was important in preparing Italy for entry to a single European market. He presided over the entry of the lira into the narrow band of the European monetary system in 1990 and was instrumental in negotiating a European Community loan for Italy last autumn. He fought tenaciously to prevent the last devaluation of the lira in September that led to Italy leaving the exchange-rate mechanism.

Yesterday newspapers speculated that Signor Scalfaro would ask Romano Prodi, an economist linked to the dominant Christian Democrat party, to form a government. But political sources said the head of state was worried that Signor Prodi could be vulnerable to ramifications of the bribery scandal because of his long years as chairman of IRI, the state-run holding company. Mario Segni, the former Christian Democrat politician who was the main promoter of the electoral reform referendum, was also seen as a candidate, but was opposed by the Christian Democrats who see him as a traitor.

Signor Segni's supporters expressed disappointment yesterday and asked if Signor Ciampi was not too conservative a figure to preside over the changes to the political system mandated by the referendum. "Ciampi is not in question as a person," said Marco Formentini, the chief whip of the Lombardy League, which had supported the referendum crusader. "But giving the mandate to Segni would have represented clear respect of the referendum outcome."

Attempts by the former communist Democratic Party of the Left (PDS) to install Giorgio Napolitano, the Chamber of Deputies Speaker, as prime minister foundered on opposition from the Christian Democrats. The PDS objected to the Christian Democrat choice of Leopoldo Elia, a senator and former head of the constitutional court.

Filippo Cavazzuti, an economist close to the PDS, urged the party to support the candidature of Signor Ciampi yesterday. "Ciampi is reassuring for public opinion on defending the lira and economic recovery," he said.

☐ *Milan:* Massimo Aimetti, a senior executive of Fiat SpA wanted in connection with Italy's corruption scandal turned himself in to Milan magistrates yesterday. Signor Aimetti is the commercial director of Iveco NV, Fiat's industrial vehicles subsidiary. Three other senior Fiat executives are also wanted in connection with suspected corruption involving the sale of Iveco buses to the Milan transit authority. *(AP)*


Sacred rites: the Pope ordaining four bishops at Shkoder cathedral during his visit to Albania. He praised the spiritual strength of Albanians who kept their faith despite brutal repression by the communist dictatorship and urged an end to "intolerant and aggressive nationalism"

EC fraud satellites to spy on farmers

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission yesterday said it was doubling the annual budget of its anti-fraud squad and resorting to "spy in the sky" satellites in an attempt to control the misuse and disappearance of European Community funds.

This year the Commission will spend £106 million combating fraud, of which £4 million will pay for sophisticated surveillance of the Community's 8.6 million farmers from 500 miles above the Earth.

But yesterday the Commission admitted that at least £216 million, double the anti-fraud budget, of EC taxpayers' money had been lost last year. John Tomlinson, the Labour MEP for Birmingham West who has turned the issue into a personal crusade, claimed the real figure is probably nearer £4 billion.

"We're getting at less than 10 per cent of fraud," he said. "The only real way to deter these people is to put them behind bars." Mr Tomlinson said the amount recovered amounted to less than eight pence in the pound, "less than the entire salaries of the anti-fraud squad".

Emile Mennens, director of the 20-strong unit, said it would "take years, if not decades" to eradicate the problem. He appealed for governments to join in because the Commission itself "could not keep up with what is happening in member states".

Mr Tomlinson applauded the use of satellites, but pointed out that cheating over crops and animals only touched upon the real problem. "My view is that most of the fraud takes place not where the crops are growing but after they have been processed and they are dispersed."

The Commission's report shows that export refunds paid to agricultural traders account for the bulk of fraud. The most notorious sectors are milk, milk powder, meats, oils, fats and cereals.

Paris gets tough with migrants

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS

CHARLES Pasqua, the French interior minister, yesterday revealed new plans to clamp down on illegal immigration and stop the spread of Islamic fundamentalism.

The measures include more powers for the police to stop, search and check the identity papers of those suspected of being in France illegally, and the appointment of visa officers in French embassies overseas to separate tourists from would-be immigrants. The plans also include a revamp of the French identity card to make it more difficult to forge, the introduction of a residents' visa and new laws to simplify the length of time needed to expel anyone without such a permit.

M Pasqua also intends negotiating mass deportations of illegal residents with their places of origin, usually the Maghreb countries and French-speaking Africa.

Kohl urges talks as strike ballot begins

FROM MARCUS KABEL IN BONN

HELMUT Kohl, the German chancellor, yesterday appealed to trade union leaders and employers in east Germany's engineering and steel sector to resume wage negotiations as workers began voting on whether to strike.

Herr Kohl said wage disputes could destroy the chances of economic recovery created by an accord among political parties, states, companies and unions. "I therefore appeal especially to employers and unions in the metal, electrical and steel sector in the new [eastern] states to return to the negotiating table quickly," Herr Kohl told business and union leaders. "Securing work and jobs must take first place."

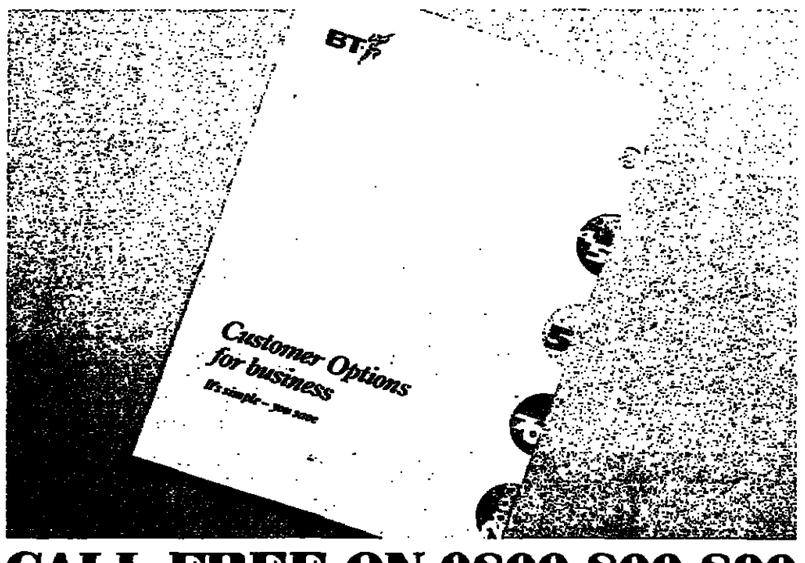
Calls by politicians for an agreement have done little to halt the momentum towards a strike since employers last month cancelled a deal that would have given wage increases of 20 per cent.

Union officials were confident of winning the 75 per cent result needed for a strike, which would be the first in east Germany after 60 years of restrictions on unions under Nazism and communism. IG Metall, Germany's biggest union, has called on engineering workers in two east German states and on steelworkers throughout east Germany to vote for a strike. Early results of the ballot are expected tomorrow and a strike could begin next week. Heinz-Werner Meyer, chairman of the German trade union federation DGB, said he expected a high pro-strike vote. He accused employers of trying to break union power.

IG Metall has refused to return to talks unless employers honour the contract and the agreed pay rises. Employers argue that economic stagnation in east Germany means they can no longer adhere to a 1991 deal aimed at bringing eastern pay up to western levels. *(Reuter)*

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Convincing victory for Yeltsin fails to silence the enemies of reform

■ The bickering has already begun. Mr Yeltsin's rivals have vowed to fight on to protect the constitutional superiority of parliament

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Yeltsin has won the Russian referendum. A convincing 60 per cent of those voting in a turnout of 64 per cent backed his leadership and 53 per cent supported economic reform, according to the first confirmed results.

Unofficial results indicated clear wins for Mr Yeltsin in three-quarters of the electoral regions. In Moscow, his support topped 70 per cent.

His opponents, however, promised to carry on the struggle for parliament's constitutional superiority. Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary Speaker, said the vote would have "neither winners nor losers" and could dangerously deepen divisions.

National support for the government's economic policies was higher than expected. Mr Yeltsin's hardline opponents had expected a clear "no" vote on the question. Voters failed, however, to back calls for early presidential and parliamentary elections, although these may become inevitable by year's end.

Bickering between Mr Yeltsin's government supporters and parliamentary opponents began immediately over the results. Aleksandr Rutskoi, the vice-president, said the ballot had yielded no proof of overall popular support and called for presidential and parliamentary elections in the autumn, making clear that he would run against Mr Yeltsin.

Mocking the presidential office's glee over the results, he said: "So what happened? We had a sociological opinion poll. There is no popular support. That is why they [the reform policies] must be changed." Mr Yeltsin's aides have said, however, that they consider the ballot a mandate to go ahead with constitutional reform aimed at dissolving the congress.

In Washington, the White House, which gambled heavily on a Yeltsin victory, hailed early results as "very encouraging". President Clinton was expected to phone Mr Yeltsin late last night or today.

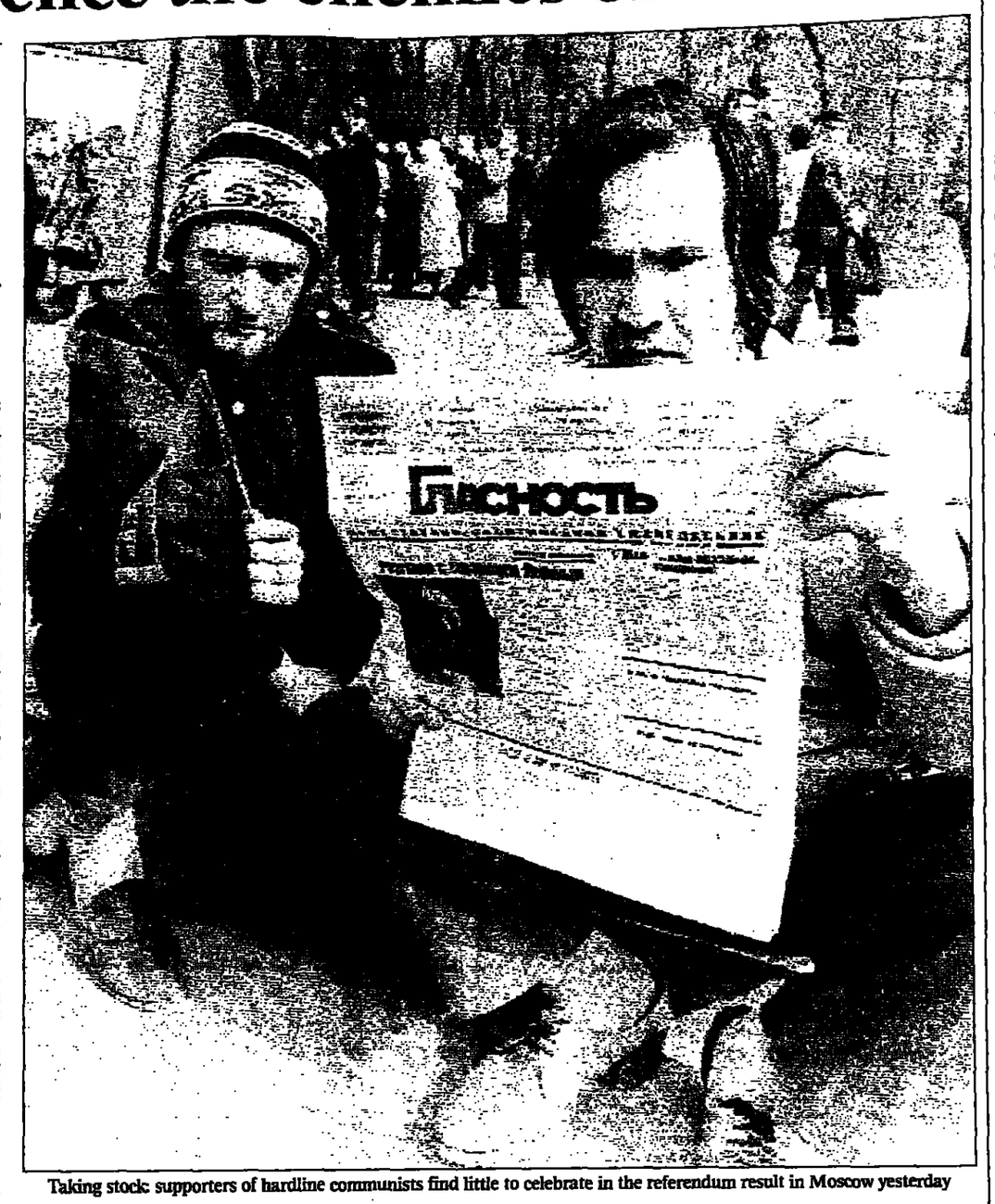
The support for Mr Yeltsin was almost as much of a relief to Mr Clinton as it was to the Russian president himself. Knowing that his own economic and foreign policy programmes depend crucially on continued reform in Russia, Mr Clinton had thrown all his weight behind Mr Yeltsin and would have been severely embarrassed had he lost.

To bolster the Russian president, Mr Clinton agreed to a US-Russian summit in Vancouver earlier this month at which he announced a $1.6 billion (£1 billion) American aid package, and pushed the Group of Seven leading industrial nations into announcing a $28 billion package ten days later. Mr Clinton also announced a second tranche of US aid of $1.8 billion, but that has since run into strong opposition in congress. The White House had refused to say what would have happened to that assistance if Mr Yeltsin lost.

☐ **London:** In spite of angry accusations that Russia has been giving huge amounts of help to Armenia in its invasion of Azerbaijan, the Azerbaijani government yesterday welcomed Mr Yeltsin's victory (Michael Binyon writes). A top official called the defeat of the hardliners an essential guarantee of Azerbaijan's continued independence.

Vafa Goulizade, senior foreign affairs adviser to President Elchiney of Azerbaijan, is in London to prepare for next month's visit by the president. It will be his first to a Western country.

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Taking stock: supporters of hardline communists find little to celebrate in the referendum result in Moscow yesterday

Obstacles remain in path of progress



Russian voters have spurned opposition rhetoric and backed Mr Yeltsin's painful economic policies, writes ***Anne McElvoy*** *in Moscow*

ONLY in Russia could they have held such a referendum. The vote was laden with subtexts and contradictions and the outcome manages to tell us everything and nothing about the fate of President Yeltsin and his reforms.

The projected 60 per cent result in Mr Yeltsin's favour coupled with the narrow majority support for his economic policy can be judged a victory for him and the democratic project. But the real stumbling block to progress remains: the constitutional confusion of Soviet structures that have democratic and free market principles grafted on.

The vote went better than many of Mr Yeltsin's aides had expected, given that the questions, set by the hostile Congress of People's Deputies, had omitted any comparison with the more conservative legislature, merely putting him and his policies to the test. Nor were voters given standards of comparison in question two, "Do you approve of the government's socio-economic policy?" The surprise of the ballot is that, even with a question so framed, and after a year in which the shock has been more apparent than the therapy, Mr Yeltsin topped the 50 per cent mark.

In the coming days the opposition will try to convince Russians that the results are not what they seem. Despite Russia's donning of democratic garb and adopting the mechanisms of pluralism, distrust of popular ballots remains. Witness the words of Aleksandr Rutskoi, the vice-president, yesterday: "There were 105 million eligible voters. Around 32 million supported the president. So around 72 million voted against him or did not go to the referendum."

While Mr Yeltsin's moral authority over Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary Speaker, has increased — the Speaker was reduced to muttering about US agents being imported to falsify the ballot — he is facing a more serious threat from Mr Rutskoi, a dogged and convinced opponent of radical reform who can use his senior military background and his links to the industrialists' lobby to build up a power base.

The referendum has proved that Mr Yeltsin, despite making tactical mistakes in the past year and sacrificing much of his early popularity by neglecting the sensibilities of his fearful people, is still considered the symbol of hopes for a better life. It has also shown that painful economic reforms are still seen by enough people as worthwhile. Opposition rhetoric about selling out the country and impoverishing the people has not taken hold.

No mandate has been given for early parliamentary or presidential elections, but the questions on those issues were meaningless as it was not specified what "early" meant, nor to what sort of parliament there should be elections, and the constitutional court had set an impossibly high hurdle for a binding vote. Elections may materialise by the autumn anyway.

Mr Yeltsin wisely avoided triumphalism yesterday, staying in the Kremlin to plot his next move. But he must act quickly and with greater dexterity than in recent battles if he is to gain political leverage from this result.

His aim will be to use the vote as a mandate to get rid of the congress and recast the constitution, and he can claim that the gathering which attempted to impeach him is out of step with public opinion. Congress is unlikely to go quietly and Mr Yeltsin will probably have to bypass it and appeal to the regions and republics to approve a new constitution under which it would be replaced by a more manageable two-chamber parliament. He will now seek a deal with the regions under which they will back such changes, but this is likely to bring new problems.

Lure of profit opens way to Peking talks with Taipei

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN XIAMEN, FUJIAN PROVINCE

A RIPPLE of excitement passes through a small cruise boat setting off from Xiamen harbour as a tour guide announces that the passengers will soon be able to see the Taiwan-controlled islands of Quemoy. As a grey mass looms into sight, its outline blurred in the mist, eager passengers stare through binoculars towards the forbidden land.

The Nationalist-controlled islands are ten minutes by boat from Communist-controlled Xiamen, but the gulf between them could not be wider. Almost all Chinese from the mainland are forbidden to enter Taiwan-controlled territory. For their part, residents of the islands are permitted to come to Xiamen, but not directly.

First they have to travel to Taipei, the capital of Taiwan, fly to Hong Kong and then to Xiamen. What should be a ten-minute trip takes a day or more because of Taiwan's ban on direct travel between the two sides.

Representatives of Peking and Taipei are to hold their highest-level talks since 1949 in Singapore today and tomorrow, in part to end such ridiculous arrangements. But direct flights may still be a way off. Peking has long pushed for direct contacts, hoping in this way to lure Taiwan towards reunification. Taiwan has held back, afraid of being overwhelmed by its giant neighbour.

Taipei cannot ignore, however, the demands of Taiwanese businessmen for an easier way to trade and invest in the booming economy on the mainland. Taiwan investment in China totals more than £6 billion, and bilateral trade in 1992 was worth about £4.5 billion.

The talks between Wang Daohan, chairman of the mainland Association for Relations across the Taiwan Strait, and Koo Chen-fu, chairman of the Straits Exchange Foundation, are expected to focus on ways of facilitating communications and trade. Already Xiamen's customs patrols turn a blind eye to the fishing boats that barter with fishermen from the opposite shore. "Peking wants to encourage trade and Quemoy is a gateway to the rest of Taiwan," said a local official. "The purpose is political, not economic."

Xiamen is one of China's four special economic zones. It has livened up considerably since its days as a sleepy fishing village. But Xiamen needs direct air links with Taiwan to lure more investors. At the moment, because Taiwanese investors have to go via Hong Kong to invest in the mainland, many get no further than Guangdong province.

☐ **Peking:** Li Peng, the Chinese prime minister, has been forced by illness to cancel a meeting with President Ramos of the Philippines who is visiting Peking, and postpone a trip abroad. Officials told Mr Ramos that Mr Li, 65, had been taken to hospital with a cold. *(Reuter)*

Procedural wrangles bedevil Johannesburg negotiations

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

JOE Slovo, the veteran chief of the South African Communist Party, tried to put a fixed term yesterday to white rule by compelling the negotiators in the multiparty constitutional talks to name a date for the first non-racial elections.

The talks had barely got under way at the World Trade Centre on the outskirts of Johannesburg before the Communist chairman proposed that the election date should be put on the agenda. He said that he did not expect yesterday's meeting to decide the date but to refer it to the planning committee, which would recommend a date to be "before April 1994".

Despite the misgivings of some parties to the talks, notably the Conservative Party its offshoot, the Afrikaner Volksunie, the Inkatha Freedom Party and the Bophuthatswana government, the question was put down for discussion. Before it could be reached, however, the talks became embroiled in an argument over the distribution of the forum's papers. The planning committee had ordered the documents to be distributed to the 26 delegations by the administrators. The administrators gave them to a courier company, and that was where they sat until yesterday. Delegates began complaining that the first they had seen of the complex documents was when they arrived half an hour before the meeting. So the morning session was adjourned early to enable them to study what was before them.



Slovo: tried to get date for end of white rule

The session of the so-called negotiating council now under way began with high expectations that at last the negotiators would get their teeth into the red meat of argument on constitutional change. Before the negotiators yesterday were proposals for the setting-up of technical committees to examine three key issues: the establishment of an independent electoral commission, the control of state-owned or statutorily regulated broadcasting media, and the establishment of a transitional executive council to oversee certain ministries in the run-up to an election.

However, the principle of putting off to another committee what you cannot agree on today ruled. Even what to call the present negotiations was referred back to the planning committee, which meets again on Thursday. The negotiating council meets on Friday.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Seventy die in Indian air crash

Delhi: More than 70 people aboard an Indian Airlines aircraft were killed when it crashed soon after taking off from Aurangabad, 150 miles east of Bombay. It was carrying 112 passengers and six crew members (Christopher Thomas writes).

The aircraft crashed five miles from the airport and broke into two pieces after hitting a lorry. It then burst into flames. Thirty-five seriously injured passengers were in hospital. Some passengers jumped out of the aircraft before it caught fire.

The crash will add to concerns about safety standards on Indian Airlines. This was the twenty-third crash involving casualties in 30 years.

Marines hand over to UN

Mogadishu: United States Marines ended their five-month "Operation Restore Hope" mission to Somalia. They handed over control of the capital to a Pakistani regiment, part of a 30,800-strong United Nations force.

The 2,500 marines fly home tomorrow. Commander Emo "Buck" Bedard, said: "On our arrival, this was a city where the gun ruled. The transition is almost unbelievable. Schools, shops are open, markets thrive." *(Reuter)*

Keating pushes for republic

Sydney: A decision by Paul Keating, the prime minister, to accelerate Australia's drive to become a republic has angered monarchists and unsettled some of his supporters (Robert Cockburn writes).

Mr Keating is considering holding a constitutional referendum with the 1996 election. Donald Horne, a long-time republican, said such a joint vote would be a "democratic disaster". First there should be agreement on what kind of republic Australians wanted.

Plane attacked

Luanda: A plane used by the UN World Food Programme was hit by Angolan rebel fire minutes after taking off from Luena, capital of Moxico province, eastern Angola. The seven people on board survived the attack, blamed on Unita guerrillas. *(AFP)*

Shuttle launch

Cape Canaveral: After more than two months of technical delays, the US space shuttle Columbia took off on a nine-day scientific mission arranged by Germany. The crew comprises five American astronauts and two German scientists. *(Reuter)*

Life demanded

Dili, East Timor: The prosecution here demanded life imprisonment for Jose Alexandre Gusmao, a rebel leader in East Timor, which is illegally occupied by Indonesia. He is accused of undermining the government and possessing firearms. *(AP)*

Death penalty

Singapore: A Dutch engineer who claimed he did not know there was heroin in a suitcase that somebody asked him to carry has been sentenced to hang. Johannes van Damme is the first white to get the death penalty for trafficking in Singapore. *(AP)*

Israeli shells halt exiles' march in protest against peace talks

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO AND BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

■ Israel, in an attempt to get the resumed peace talks off to a good start, is allowing Faisal Husseini, a senior PLO supporter from Arab east Jerusalem, to take part

THE many obstacles to today's resumption of the Middle East peace talks were symbolised in the hills of south Lebanon yesterday when exploding shells halted a protest march towards Israeli lines by the 396 unarmed Palestinians deported by Israel.

The protest was the most spectacular among those made by those Palestinians who bitterly oppose the peace process begun 18 months ago and now restarting under American sponsorship.

In a concession to the Palestinians, Israeli negotiators have agreed for the first time to conduct direct talks with Faisal Husseini, a senior PLO supporter from Arab east Jerusalem. He has played a key role in piecing back together the peace process despite the misgivings of the deported and stranded Muslim militants. In previous rounds, Mr Husseini has co-ordinated the talks behind the scenes. He had been banned from the negotiations because he lives in east Jerusalem, an area Israel says is a non-negotiable part of its "eternal, undivided capital".

The 396 protest marchers denounce the Palestinians who ended a previous boycott and decided to talk again to Israel in spite of its failure to implement United Nations Resolution 799, which demands the immediate return home of the deportees.

The leaders of the last-ditch attempt to sabotage the talks due to open in Washington after a four-month break were camped on open ground about 350 yards from the Israeli guns last night; they threaten more protests today. As they dug in for the night, Abdul-Aziz Rantisi, their spokesman, said: "We hold the Palestinian and Arab delegations to the talks responsible for every drop of blood that could be spilt during our confrontation."

Their "march of martyrdom" halted after two tank shells crashed 50 yards in front of them, exploding in a cloud of black smoke behind boulders that deflected the shrapnel.

Arab and Western diplomatic sources remain sceptical of earlier threats by the deportees to commit mass suicide today by trying to march through Israeli fire across the lines into Israeli-occupied southern Lebanon. They noted that an earlier threat by the 396 to burn down their tent camp at Marj al-Zohour had not been kept.

"We shall spend the night here, and tomorrow morning we shall decide our next move," Mr Rantisi said. "It will be a night-long sit-in, face to face with the Zionist enemy."

Israel appeared willing to use force but unready to wreck the talks in advance by inflicting widespread bloodshed. The Israelis brought up about 100 soldiers to reinforce their front line at Zemraya where the deportees, then numbering 415, were dumped last December, bringing the Washington talks to a halt. The Israelis also brought forward extra tanks, armoured personnel carriers and water cannon.



Husseini: played key role behind the scenes

The deportees transported food in two cars that accompanied their march. Earlier, they had used their new satellite telephone in a further vain attempt to prevent the Palestinian negotiators from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip travelling to Washington for what will be the ninth round of talks.

Independent Middle East observers believe that, unless the Palestinian negotiators can secure quick concessions from Israel, they are in danger of losing all credibility among their constituency at home. A group of ten radical Palestinian groups based in Damascus has called for a strike today in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to coincide with the resumption of negotiations.

American officials expect that the most rapid progress in the new round of talks will emerge between Israel and Syria. Both have shown increasing signs of willingness to arrange a peace deal involving the return of the strategic Golan Heights occupied by Israel in 1967.

The Syrians, with the Jordanians and the Lebanese, have indicated that they will not sign a separate peace deal abandoning the Palestinians like that concluded between Israel and Egypt in 1979.



Wave of optimism: Hanan Ashrawi, on the Palestinian peace delegation, leaving Amman for Washington, where she hoped for progress in a ninth round of talks

Yemen poll stirs Saudi anxiety

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

THE first genuine test of multiparty democracy in the Arabian peninsula comes today when Yemen goes to the polls.

About 2,500 Yemenis, including 200 women, are standing for the 301 parliamentary seats in a potentially violent election. Western and some Arab governments are concerned that Islamic fundamentalists will emerge with new power.

Of all the countries in the peninsula, only Kuwait has a popularly elected parliament, but it has no formalised party system. Only a tiny fraction of the emirate's population was allowed to vote in last year's election and women were barred from either voting or standing.

In Yemen, to the embarrassment of neighbouring Saudi Arabia, which severely restricts the role of women, about 500,000 women are among the 2.7 million voters registered in a population of 14 million. The contest, among about 40 parties, is seen as a test for democracy throughout the Arab world where only Jordan, planning a multiparty poll later this year, has shown a similar willingness to experiment with democratic elections. Saudi Arabia, grappling with Islamic fundamentalists opposed to reform, is particularly uneasy about a democracy emerging on its doorstep.

Yemen's poll has been delayed twice by violence that included attempted assassinations of ruling politicians, rioting against price rises and a wave of car-hijacking and kidnapping aimed at Westerners, including those involved in the oil industry.

Conservative North Yemen merged with South Yemen, which was then Marxist-ruled, in 1990. The election, organised with advice from Britain's Electoral Reform Society, ends a transition during which the two former ruling parties ran the country jointly.

Western diplomats said they feared that, as in Algeria last year, fundamentalists could gain the upper hand with a platform that contains secret commitments to abolish democracy once installed and rule instead by decree. Yemenis say such a move would lead to civil war.



President Saleh sees the poll as a way of improving Yemen's international image and securing Western economic help. He also hopes it will defuse lingering north-south tensions.

Leaders of the two ruling parties have pledged to accept the result, even if it means giving up power. But the opposition has accused the government of cheating over the distribution of constituencies.

Star's arrest rocks Indian film world

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

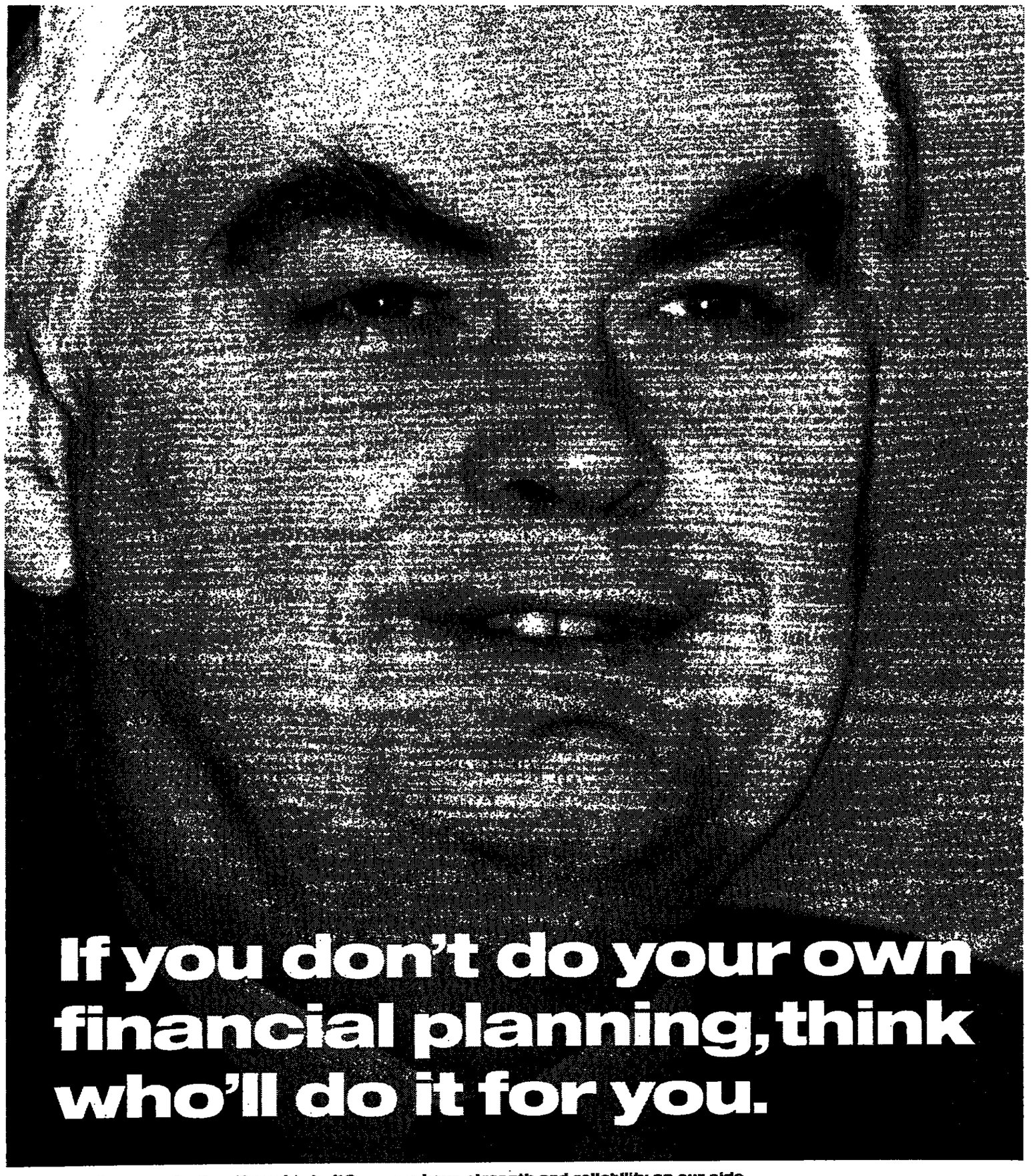
The arrest of Sanjay Dutt, India's leading film star, has stunned the Bombay film world. Wearing an iron collar and with chains binding his wrists, he was led away by police on charges of illegal possession of weapons. Film-making in Bombay, centre of the world's biggest film industry, has all but stopped.

Dutt was working simultaneously on 12 films. Bollywood, as the Hindi industry is known, is counting the phenomenal cost of making him a non-person overnight. Since his arrest last week, all his films have been withdrawn, mostly on the insistence of politicians cashing in on the publicity, with losses of hundreds of millions of rupees.

His name is known to most Indians, and his crash from stardom to odium has been stunning. Politicians are acting as though they never knew about the grime behind the glitter: hence their contrived outrage. It has long been common knowledge that the film industry is financed largely by the city's underworld, in particular by a gold-smuggling gang centred in Dubai, and that bribe-taking police and politicians have profited handsomely.

This is a bad time for Bollywood: riots in Bombay in December and January halted filming, and a bombing attack in the city in March caused further disruption. Speculation about the underworld's possible involvement in both has scared the crime bosses, who have gone to ground, halting the flow of money to film producers. The Hindi song industry, which produces thousands of tunes every year for the film industry, is suffering badly.

It has been estimated that the underworld put up 2 billion rupees (£41 million) a year for film making. Dutt was arrested under anti-terrorism legislation, suggesting that police suspect he was involved with figures believed to have planted the bombs that killed more than 300 people in Bombay in March. His arrest was announced in the Maharashtra state assembly by Sharad Pawar, the chief minister, a sign of the importance of film stars. The crackdown on the film world has been going on for weeks. The owners of Magnum Video, one of the biggest financiers and producers of Hindi films, were arrested a fortnight ago and charged under anti-terrorism legislation.



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The ancient City church, wrecked by IRA terrorism, should become a memorial, says **Daniel Johnson**, Literary Editor

St Ethelburga must be raised again

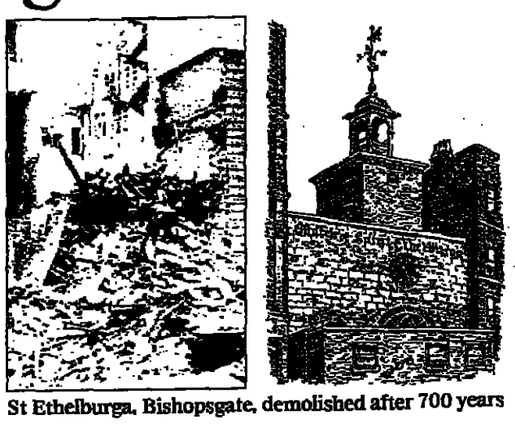
Martyrs come in many guises; most die forgotten. The word "martyr" derives from the Greek term for "witness", and denotes one who suffers for the truth and against injustice or persecution.

In the days of Bluff King Hal one John Larke, rector of St Ethelburga-the-Virgin within Bishopsgate, was executed at Tyburn for refusing to accept the king's supremacy. Now London again mourns those murdered by the IRA in the heart of the capital, and more maimed or bereaved. They, too, are martyrs: they bear silent witness to the victory of civilisation over barbarism. How should Londoners ensure that their sacrifice was not in vain?

The traditional way of commemorating martyrs is the erection of a church. In this case, there is talk of demolition. St Ethelburga was reduced to rubble by the full force of the IRA blast in the City last Saturday. Its destruction and the damage to eight other ancient churches — severe in the cases of St Botolph without Bishopsgate and St Helen Bishopsgate — is as great a loss to London as any sustained by the owners of the huge offices that surround and dwarf them.

Smallest of the City churches (a mere 51 by 30ft), St Ethelburga is more than 700 years old and was described by John Betjeman as one of the best examples of a parish church before the Great Fire. St Ethelburga's parish was gradually depopulated over recent centuries. In recent times the church was often closed, and was destined to become a "chapel of ease".

The church survived both the fire and the blitz; but that was a mixed blessing for the Church Commissioners, for whom the obligation to maintain the medieval fabric of such buildings for the benefit of tourists, aesthetes and office workers is a burden. Having reduced the City churches' insurance cover last year, the church authorities may now claim that the bill for rebuilding St Ethelburga would be too great, and instead elect to clear the ruins and sell the valuable site. The task of rebuilding it may indeed be beyond the means even of the comparatively wealthy Anglican church. Besides, unless there is a practical need for it in that locality, would it be worth the candle? The answer lies with the City fathers. Michael Cassidy, chairman of the City of London Corporation's policy committee, has already responded with panache to the IRA assault, and he should give a lead to other private and public institutions in setting up a fund to rebuild St Ethelburga as a shrine to the victims of terrorism.



St Ethelburga, Bishopsgate, demolished after 700 years

The best precedent for this is St Bride's, Fleet Street, which has functioned as the journalists' church for many years. One of Wren's most glorious creations (the modern wedding cake derives from its layered spire), it was wrecked by German bombs and rebuilt at the expense of newspaper proprietors and journalists. Now that most papers have moved away from Fleet Street, St Bride's is almost the only place they are likely to meet.

Many journalists of all Christian denominations are married there, as I was myself; but it is particularly important as the setting for memorial services, where both great names and lesser lights of Fleet Street are remembered. Under its present energetic rector, Canon John Oates, its candlelit vigils during the late 1980s became the focus of public solidarity with the hostages held in Lebanon, particularly the journalist John McCarthy. There is no doubt that, in the case of St Bride's at least, the fact that many individuals feel they have a stake in a church leads them to take its fate more seriously. After the Fire in 1666, a great burst of church-building was financed largely by private enterprise: the period saw exponential growth in trade with the East and West Indies and North America. By the time St Paul's was finished in 1711, £1 million had been spent and Sir Christopher Wren alone had built more than 50 churches.

One need only look at any great London church, such as Hawksmoor's Christ Church at Spitalfields, to see tangible evidence of the huge investment by commerce, carved in stone. Where now Jacques Attali lines the Bank of Reconstruction and Development with the richest marbles, once the wealthy burghers of London built splendid churches — with their names displayed as prominently as possible.

Beginning in 1871, dozens of old City churches were demolished, including many of Wren's, to make way for offices; the process continued after the blitz. That might not have happened if these churches had not been paid for by earlier generations. Now that the City feels itself to be in the front line of the war against terrorism, however, there is a great need for a specific building where Londoners and others can give expression to the powerful emotions which that sense of embattled resistance arouses. Churches, otherwise superfluous in business districts, are among the few places which would be suitable.

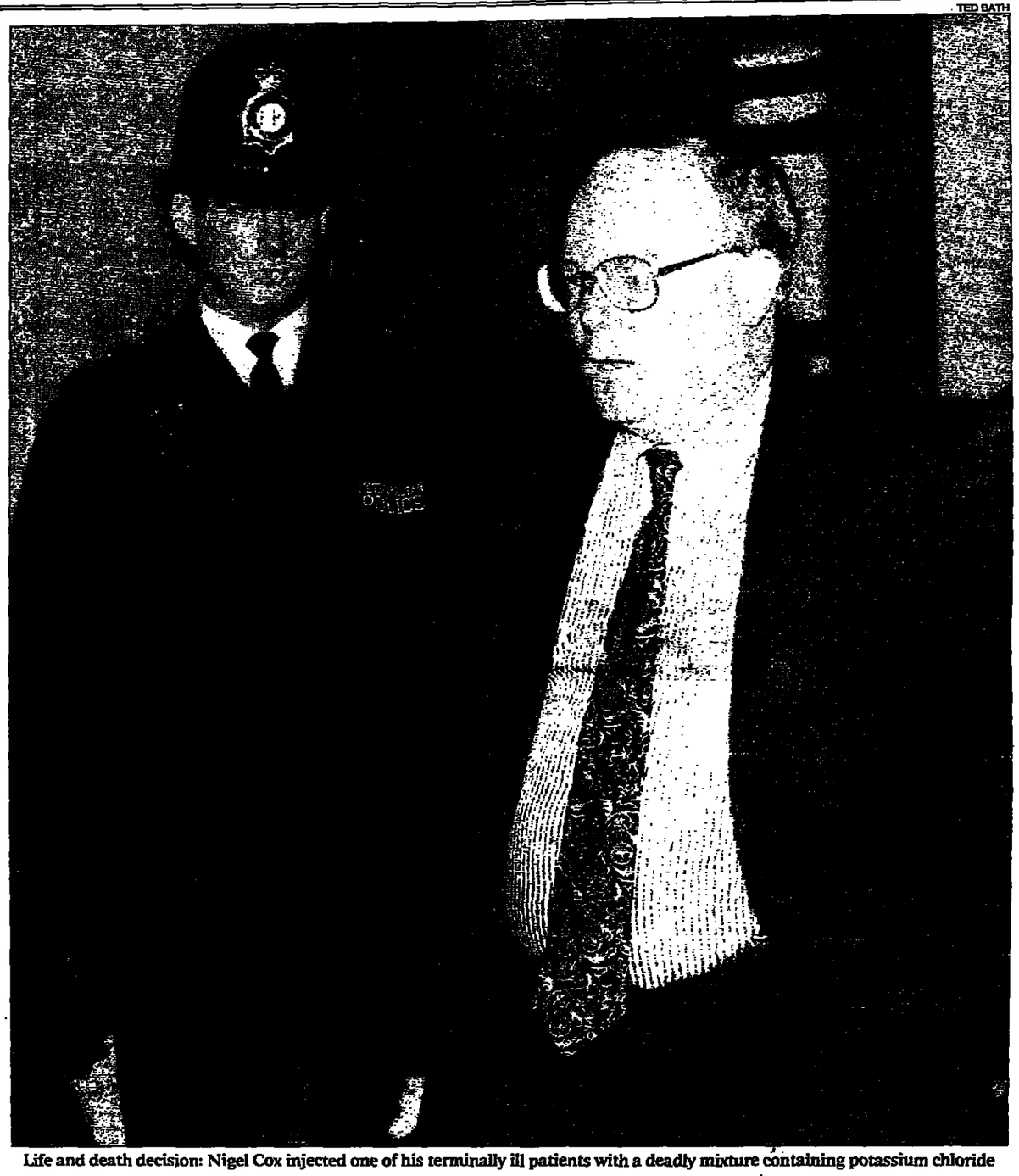
As a church consecrated to the memory of terrorist victims, St Ethelburga would acquire a function which would immediately appeal to the thousands of City workers who must have passed by the building without ever venturing inside. Since those who suffer at the hands of the IRA and other terrorists belong to all faiths and none, St Ethelburga would have to appeal beyond the ranks of the Church of England.

That is also the only way that St Ethelburga, the saintly daughter of the first Christian king of Kent, will have her church restored to its former glory, and bear witness to the unconquerable spirit of London town.

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When can a doctor kill?

As the debates on abortion and mercy killing grow more violent, **Ronald Dworkin** argues that the real issues are disappearing in a fog of hatred



TED BATH

Life and death decision: Nigel Cox injected one of his terminally ill patients with a deadly mixture containing potassium chloride

The battles raging in Europe and America about abortion and euthanasia are this century's equivalent of the 17th-century wars of religion. When Rescue America arrived in Britain last month, and its leader, Don Treshman, called for "direct action" against abortion clinics, he reminded many people of the violent American demonstrations that included fire-bombing and the assassination of a doctor in Florida last March. When British anti-abortion activists announced their support for his tactics, any hope of a compromise on the issue in this country was dashed.

Any thought that the battle over euthanasia had abated was also laid to rest, after the conviction of the British doctor, Nigel Cox, for attempted murder last year because he had injected potassium chloride into a terminal patient and the protests against a House of Lords decision to allow Anthony Bland to die after three years in a persistent vegetative state.

> Many think that even when abortion is wrong, it is none of the law's business

The arguments have been far more polarised and bitter than they should have been, however, because most people have misunderstood what they are about. The scalding rhetoric of some so-called "pro-life" groups has led both sides to misunderstand the character of their own opinions, and tricked them into thinking that a reasonable compromise is impossible.

According to the usual explanation, the great debate over abortion is about whether a foetus, from the moment of conception or some early point in pregnancy, is already a person, a creature whose rights must be protected. If that is the right way to understand the debate, then of course accommodation over abortion is impossible: those who think a foetus is a person in that sense think that abortion is murder, and they can no more compromise over that principle than decent people can compromise over genocide.

In fact, despite the rhetoric, very few people in Britain believe that an early foetus is a person with rights and interests of its own. The vast majority, even of those who think abortion is morally wrong in most circumstances, nevertheless believe it permissible when it saves the mother's life. Only somewhat fewer of them think it morally permissible in cases of rape and incest. Many of them also think that even when abortion is morally wrong, it is none of the law's business to prohibit it.

None of this is compatible with thinking that a foetus is already a person with rights. Doctors are not permitted to kill one innocent person to save another one — no one would think it right for a doctor to slaughter an infant to provide organs for a transplant that would save its mother's life — and a foetus should not be punished for a rape of which it is innocent. It is certainly part of government's responsibility, moreover, to protect the rights and interests of people too weak to protect themselves.

Modern embryology has shown to be deeply implausible the idea that an early foetus is a person with rights. Nothing can be thought to have interests of its own (as distinct from other people having an interest in what happens to it) unless it has or has had some minimal form of sentience, and a human foetus cannot even feel pain until late in pregnancy. "To provide a safe margin against intrusion into possible primitive sentience," according to Clifford Grobstein, a prominent embryologist, "the cortical maturation beginning at about 30 weeks is a reasonable landmark until more precise information becomes available. Therefore, since we should use extreme caution in respecting and protecting possible sentience, a provisional boundary at about 26 weeks should provide safety against reasonable concerns."

So most conservative opinion cannot rationally be based on the idea that a foetus has the rights and interests of a person from the moment of conception. On the other hand, neither can liberal and moderate opinion be based simply on *rejecting that idea*. Most liberals insist that abortion is always a morally grave decision, and this positive moral position must be based on more than the negative claim that a foetus has no interests or rights.

I suggest a different explanation of the controversy: we disagree about abortion not because of conflicting views over whether an immature foetus is already a person, but, paradoxically, because of an ideal we share. We almost all accept that human life in all its forms is sacred — that it has intrinsic and objective value quite apart from any value it might have to the person whose life it is. For some of us, this is a matter of religious faith; for others of secular but deep philosophical belief. But though we agree that life is sacred, we disagree about the source and character of that sacred value and therefore about which decisions respect and which dishonour it.

I can best explain the idea that life has intrinsic and objective value by turning to the other agonizing controversy: euthanasia. Many people who concede that Lillian Boyes or Anthony Bland was better off dead nevertheless insist that killing her or letting him die was wrong because human life has an independent, sacred value. There is nothing odd or unusual about the idea that it is wrong to destroy some creatures or things because of the intrinsic value they embody. We take that view, for example, of great paintings and also of distinct animal species, like the Siberian tiger.

Paintings and species do not have interests: if it nevertheless seems terrible to destroy them, because of their intrinsic value. It can also seem terrible to destroy a human life, which most people think even more precious, even though that life has not yet developed into a creature with interests either. So people can passionately oppose abortion for that reason, even though they do not believe that a collection of growing cells just implanted in a womb already has interests of its own.

Once we identify that different basis for thinking abortion wrong, we see that it actually unites as well as divides our society, because almost everyone accepts both that the life of a human foetus embodies an intrinsic value and that a frivolous abortion is contemptuous of that important value. We disagree about when abortion is morally permissible, not because many of us reject the idea that human life is sacred, but because we disagree about how best to respect that value when continuing a pregnancy would itself frustrate or damage human life in some other grave way: when a child would be born seriously deformed, for example.

In such cases, respect for the inherent value of a human life pulls in two directions, and some resolution of the tragic conflict is necessary. How each of us resolves it will depend on our deeper, essentially religious or philosophical, convictions. People who think that biological life — the gift of God or nature — is the transcendently important source of that sacred value will think that the death of any human creature, even one whose life in earnest has not yet begun, is always the worst possible insult to the sanctity of life, and will therefore tend to resolve the terrible conflicts against abortion. Those who think that frustrating people's struggle to make something of their own lives, once those lives are underway, is sometimes an even greater affront to the value of life than an early abortion might resolve the conflict in the other direction.

That view of how and why we differ about abortion also explains the popular opinion that even when early abortion is morally wrong, government has no business forbidding it. There is no contradiction in insisting that abortion sometimes dishonours a sacred value and that government must nevertheless allow women to decide for themselves when it does. On the contrary, that very distinction is at the heart of one of the most important liberties modern democracies have established — freedom of conscience and religion. Once we see the abortion argument in this light, that is, we see that it is an essentially religious argument — an argument not about who has rights and how government should protect these, but a very different, more abstract and spiritual, argument about the meaning and character and value of human life itself. Government does have a responsibility to help people understand the gravity of such decisions, but it has no right to dictate their decision.

The same is true of euthanasia. Of course, any legal regime that permits doctors to help patients die must be scrupulously careful to protect the patient's real, reflective wishes, and to avoid patients or relatives making an unwitting choice for death when there is a genuine chance of medical recovery. But government can do people great harm by not allowing them to die when that is their settled wish and in their best interests, as they themselves have judged or would judge their interests when competent to do so.

In both cases, the crucial question is not whether to respect the sanctity of life, but which decision best respects it. People who dread being kept alive, permanently unconscious or sedated beyond sense, intubated and groomed and tended as vegetables, think this condition degrades rather than respects what has been intrinsically valuable in their own living. Others disagree: they believe, about euthanasia as about abortion, that mere biological life is so inherently precious that nothing can justify deliberately ending it. The disagreement, once again, is an essentially religious or spiritual one, and a decent government, committed to personal integrity and freedom, has no business imposing a decision. Dictating how people should see the meaning of their own lives and deaths is a crippling, humiliating form of tyranny.

If we change our collective view of these two great controversies, if we realise that we are arguing not about whether abortion and euthanasia are murder but about how best to honour a humane ideal we all share, then we can cure the bitterness in our national soul. Freedom of choice can be accepted by all sides with no sense of moral compromise, just as all religious groups and sects can accept, with no sense of compromise, freedom for other versions of spiritual truth.

We might even hope for something more: a healing sense, after all the decades of hate, that what unites us is more important than our differences. It is inevitable that free people who really do believe that human life is sacred will disagree about how to live and die in the light of that conviction, because free people will insist on making that profound and self-defining decision for themselves.

● Life's Dominion, An Argument about Abortion and Euthanasia *by Ronald Dworkin, (£17.50) will be published by HarperCollins on May 20.*

Champion of liberals



DARLING of the centre-left and demon of the New Right, Ronald Dworkin is probably Oxford's most celebrated liberal thinker since the young Isaiah Berlin took the ancient city by storm. Twenty-four years after Dworkin became the university's professor of jurisprudence, his new book on abortion and euthanasia continues his mission to make American rights theory and political debate intelligible to a British readership.

Predictably, this belief in a mid-Atlantic liberal community has not endeared him to sturdy English conservatives. Roger Scruton, in his blistering account of the left intelligentsia *Thinkers of the New Left*, included Dworkin in the same phalanx of Marxist or crypto-Marxist academics as E.P. Thompson and Michel Foucault. In fact, Dworkin's thought as it has revealed itself in books such as *Taking Rights Seriously* (1977) has little in common with true socialism. He rejects social utopianism in favour of a political vision focused on human rights, which owes far more to Mill than Marx.

Dworkin's faith in rights also marks him out clearly from conservative legal theorists. He prefers a definition of democracy in which the will of the majority can be over-ridden to defend the fundamental liberties of the individual and the legislature is prevented from passing morally outrageous laws by a bill of rights policed by judges.

He still devotes a great deal of time to helping free speech and human rights organisations around the world. Yet British liberals may soon have to learn to live without their champion. With a Democrat back in the White House, Oxford's favourite lawyer is a hot tip to join the Supreme Court.

THE RIGHT TO LIFE: A TIMES /DILLONS DEBATE

WHAT are the rights and wrongs of abortion and euthanasia? Who has the *right to decide? Ronald Dworkin*, professor of law at Harvard and professor of jurisprudence at Oxford, leads this *Times / Dillons* debate, which will address one of the perennial and bitterly debated subject: when do we have the right to end the life of a human foetus, or of a very old and sick human being?

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Never too old to be saved

The elderly are discriminated against under the NHS. Now they are demanding equal treatment, says **Dr James Le Fanu**

Twenty years ago an editorial in the *British Medical Journal* described open heart surgery in those over 60 as "not feasible". This week a report from America describes an 87-year-old woman who not only had three obstructed coronary arteries bypassed but also, for good measure, had her narrowed aortic valves replaced at the same time.

Commenting on the operation in an article significantly entitled "You are never too old", Dr John Wong, of Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston, criticises those doctors who would have left this "poor old lady" to die peacefully, on the ground that patients of this age who survive the operation would be likely to live four years longer than if they were merely given symptomatic medical treatment.

Geriatric cardiac surgery, contrary to past medical opinion has proved highly feasible and indeed is potentially a growth area, for the simple reason that potential candidates are to be found in greatest numbers among the old and very old. This has been made possible by the great skill of the surgeons themselves — which has come with experience — and the increasingly sophisticated technology that helps to keep the old and frail alive during and after major surgery.

Not everything that is technically feasible is desirable both in a strictly medical sense and in overall terms of the nation's health. "Every choice requires a sacrifice," says Kierkegaard and if we choose to perform expensive open heart surgery on oldies in their eighties, then something else has to be given up to pay for it.

Recognising this, our cash-limited NHS systematically discriminates against the old. In Britain even if this particular "little old lady" had been ten or even 15 years younger, she would have been very lucky to have been offered an operation.

It seems, however, as if oldies are becoming increasingly irritated by this policy. This evening, at a reception at the House of Commons, leaders of the 34,000-strong Association of Retired Persons will be launching its antiage discrimination group to combat it.

According to Dr John Grimley Evans, professor of geriatric medicine at Oxford University: "Although it can be difficult to prove, many consultants practise an implicit form of age discrimination." What is the evidence for this and how pervasive is it?

Discrimination operates at two levels. The first is easier to show — the official or unofficial refusal of certain investigations or treatments on the ground of age alone. The second, probably more important, is rationing on the basis of expectation — it is not expected that, for example, those over 70 warrant certain types of medical intervention and so they are not offered them.

The national screening programmes for breast and cervical cancer provide a clear example of official "ageist" discrimination; neither of them are routinely available to women after the age of 65. This cannot be justified on medical grounds as instances of both these cancers rise incrementally with each passing decade.

Similarly, a recent survey of coronary care units in Britain discovered that just under half set an upper age limit of 70 for giving the clot-busting drug streptokinase to patients following a heart attack. This policy could be defended on the grounds that there is a modest increased risk of stroke following the use of this drug in the older age groups. However, in the words of Keith Fox, professor of cardiology in Edinburgh, "this level of risk is far from that required to negate the overall benefits of the drug on mortality and mobility in older patients."

> What is a GP to do when a genial 75-year-old turns up with angina?

Then, comparisons with other Western countries show there is a definite — if unofficial — practice of age discrimination with high technology treatments like kidney dialysis and bypass surgery. Thus in Germany, France and Italy about a quarter of new patients accepted on to dialysis programmes are over the age of 65, whereas the figure in Britain is around 8 per cent.

Opportunities for performing coronary bypass surgery and the newer technology of coronary angioplasty in the over-seventies are severely curtailed in Britain because there are only six cardiology specialists per million of the population, compared with 45 in Europe and 60 in America. Those lucky enough to be offered open heart surgery do remarkably well: a recent review of 117 such operations in those over 65 at Papworth Hospital was associated with a post-operative mortality rate of zero.

Age discrimination is equally evident in the provision of services for the chronic degenerative diseases of aging, particularly arthritis. The longest waiting lists are for just those procedures — such as cataract surgery and hip replacements, which almost uniquely are a cause of disability to oldies.

One example must suffice to clarify how this largely unacknowledged rationing permeates the health service. A genial, rather deaf 75-year-old man turned up at the surgery for the first time in 20 years and told me he had noticed a tight pain across his chest while walking home carrying the shopping. As he had quite clearly developed angina I started him on the usual medical drugs but over the next few weeks his symptoms deteriorated to a point where he was unable to climb the stairs to his flat. He was now housebound.

At this point I prevaricated, with ultimately dire consequences. There was a chance the narrow arteries causing his angina might improve with bypass surgery, but in view of his age I hesitated to refer him for the necessary investigations, hoping optimistically, as indeed sometimes happens, that the symptoms would just improve. They did not. Belatedly I wrote the referral letter, but two days before he was due to see the cardiologist he had a massive coronary and died before reaching hospital.

I prevaricated for the same reason that all general practitioners do in these circumstances. There is on average a six-month waiting list for investigating angina patients with a view to surgery. If we referred all our patients who might benefit, the waiting times would lengthen to such an extent that younger patients would die from treatable conditions before they were seen. So, as Professor Grimley Evans points out: "The older age group tends to be given palliative and symptomatic care rather than a proper diagnosis and intervention."

Under the NHS reforms, health administrators as "purchasers" of health care will have to start making quite explicit that there is indeed an arbitrary cut-off point where age is the barrier to treatment. It is this process the Association of Retired Persons might usefully influence. There are more than enough oldies to force the government to take notice.

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High price of living: medical treatment for the over-seventies is often thought to be unwarranted

Odd plug for cold baths



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Are cold baths, as Victorian schoolmasters thought, excellent for dampening the ardour and shrivelling the manhood of lusty young men or do they, as it is now claimed by Professor Vijay Kakkar and the Thrombosis Research Institute of Chelsea, "stimulate a surge of the arousal hormones"?

Professor Kakkar, who was educated in India, seems to be unaware of the mores which underpinned British boarding school life and he maintains that the practice of cold baths "has been recommended for centuries to improve male sex life".

If it were only the aphrodisiac qualities of a cold bath which were in doubt, Professor Kakkar's views would merit no more than an amusing piece in the *News of the World*; but Professor Kakkar also claims that gradual immersion into cold water for up to 30 minutes daily is a panacea for a list of diseases which would make even the writers of labels on old-fashioned mineral water bottles look modest in their claims.

As well as helping impotence and lack of sexual drive, sluggish behaviour, ME (myalgic encephalomyelitis), depression, poor circulation and under-active thyroid, Professor Kakkar asserts that his treatment will boost the body's natural defences against infection by stimulating white blood cell production, as well as providing "a strong defence mechanism for not only preventing but also helping the dissolution of blood clots".

Women too can benefit, for he believes that it (a cold bath) "would provide a simple and natural way" of stimulating the ovaries to produce the vital hormones that control not only the physical well-being but the psychological ill-effects of the menopause.

Professor Kakkar has had a most distinguished earlier record in medical research. But he has surprised the medical establishment by propounding opinions that seem to run counter to both common observation as well as the standard medical teaching that exposure to cold makes blood clotting easier and reduces the body's resistance to infection.

Some of the surprise at Professor Kakkar's statement may be because of the way it was made public: usually new medical theories, supported by rigorous research, are first published, after vetting by other experts, in the *Lancet*, the *British Medical Journal* or the *New England Journal of Medicine*. It is most unusual, if not unique, to find a scientist of Professor Kakkar's repute announcing the results of his work in a commercial television advertisement later to be followed by even greater exposure in a newspaper, which also provided public relations facilities to explain the professor's opinions.

Most doctors are chary of the effects of the extreme cold. The standard belief is that, however it is borne, it increases the death rate. The research suggests that the body can usually withstand gradual chilling for up to 20 minutes. Those with narrowed, diseased coronary arteries or tendencies to have a stroke could tolerate, for instance, a wait at the bus stop but could suffer badly watching a football match on a icy cold day. Sudden chilling — and even Professor Kakkar recommends gradual immersion — has its dangers; sailors frequently die from shock when they fall into cold water.

If Professor Kakkar's theories are to become accepted, he must explain why the incidence of heart attacks and strokes increases after a cold snap, statistics which are not only well authenticated by research scientists but are obvious to anybody who reads the obituary columns of *The Times*.

Professor William Keatinge, head of the department of physiology and Dean of Basic Medical Sciences at Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, is an author of the standard work on immersion in cold water as well as being responsible for the Medical Research Council's inquiry into the effect of cold on health. He is adamant that chilling the body increases the risk of suffering from clotting diseases. The blood becomes thicker (haemoconcentration) and the platelets — the small particles involved in the clotting mechanism — become more numerous and more sticky, important factors which predispose to clot (thrombus) formation.

Professor Keatinge agrees that the white blood cell count may increase, but when this does occur it is in part due to the haemoconcentration and in part to genuine release of white blood cells. These appear to be released as part of the body's general response to stress, stress which would otherwise further increase the risk of infection and other illnesses.

Likewise Professor Keatinge agrees that a number of hormonal changes happen as part of the normal physical response to stress, including cold. The same changes would follow many other unwelcome stimuli.

Further research at the Thrombosis Institute continues, and other doctors await with interest the opportunity to study Professor Kakkar's findings. Meanwhile, it might be as well to continue to enjoy a long soak in hot water.

The realities of health care rationing have been brought out into the open in Oregon

The treatment stops here, doctors told

If you are poor and live in Oregon, you will not be guaranteed basic health treatments such as varicose vein surgery or therapy for back pain from next January. On that date, Oregon will implement plans to ration health care, which received the go-ahead from the Clinton administration last month.

Oregon wants to make health care more widely available to poor people who do not have health insurance. To do so, it has to limit the treatments covered. "We cannot pay for every conceivable procedure that every conceivable person could conceivably want," says Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon.

All countries ration health care in some way — by waiting lists in Britain and by income in America — but nobody knows how best to do it. Oregon has come up with a novel approach which gives the public a say and forces rationing decisions out into the open.

To implement its plan, Oregon established an 11-member health services commission to rank medical treatments in order of priority. The state legislature then guaranteed to extend health care to more of the poor and to finance treatments in priority order as far as funds would stretch.

To help to decide the priorities, the commission sought information from three sources. Doctors were asked to describe the improvement in health that treatments would produce. A random sample of Oregonians was telephoned and asked to rate how valuable such health improvements would be. And public opinion was canvassed at a series of community meetings. The requirements of the public were for a service that was equitable, cost effective and should benefit many.

Using the information gathered, the commission produced a list of 688 treatments in priority order. The Oregon Legislature has elected to fund only the first 568.

Treatment will be guaranteed for conditions such as pneumonia, appendicitis, asthma, diabetes and broken bones, as well as preventive services such as immunisations and maternity care. Not guaranteed are treatments for cosmetic conditions such as benign skin lumps; conditions which generally get better on their own such as glandular fever; and conditions where treatment is ineffective or futile such as for advanced cancers. The terminally ill will be offered "comfort care".

Critics say that the information on effectiveness used to rank treatments was faulty. Others say that where treatment is necessary, it should always be given. Still more argue that denying care so explicitly to the poorest is morally repugnant and that doctors will be unable to comply.



Hillary Clinton: reforming

Groups for the disabled have criticised the use of the telephone survey, saying that the public would rate the effects of treatment for the disabled lower than for the healthy. These worries led to the Bush administration to turn down Oregon's application for federal approval last August. Oregon subsequently excluded the survey results and revised the list. But seventy national advocacy groups recently lobbied President Clinton claiming that the plans still violate the Americans with Disabilities Act — which prohibits discrimination against disabled people. They may file a lawsuit to block the plan.

Meanwhile, Oregon's 120,000 poor without health insurance have little choice but to accept the plan or go without as before. The plan enjoys bipartisan political support within the state, from business and workers' leaders and even from advocacy groups such as Arc of Oregon, which represents disabled people. The health services commission was careful to make the whole exercise explicit to generate wide public debate about how to spend scarce health care dollars.

Although everyone in Britain is covered by the health service, interest in what is happening in Oregon has intensified as health authorities and GP fundholders are forced to make decisions about the number and type of treatments to buy. As demand for care outstrips resources, many health authorities are considering stopping certain low priority services and, like Oregon, are canvassing public opinion about priorities.

However, at a national conference on setting priorities for health care last month, Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, dismissed Oregon's experiment as "flawed on administrative, medical and ethical grounds". She argued that although decisions should be based on effectiveness of treatments, they should be made in partnership between the clinician and the patient.

But Dr John Grimley Evans, a professor of geriatric medicine, and Dr Brian Goss, a GP, both firmly rejected an approach which leaves the doctor as the chief rationer. They told the conference that this puts the clinician in an impossible situation and that explicit rules made by politicians and known to patients in advance are more acceptable. But the public does not agree: according to a recent MORI survey, people prefer doctors to make rationing decisions rather than politicians or even themselves.

As America waits for the president's health policy chief, Hillary Clinton, to unveil her plans for national health care reform, the green light for Oregon indicates that federal government does not have all the solutions and that the states will be given more freedom to experiment. While nobody wants to deny care, Oregon's bold move simply forces rationing out in the open where it can be seen more clearly.

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EXAMPLES OF HEALTH SERVICE PRIORITIES IN OREGON

Rank	Procedures paid for by the state	Rank	Procedures not paid for by the state
1	Treatment for severe head injury with loss of consciousness	586	Surgery to remove benign tumours of the digestive system
2	Treatment for insulin-dependent diabetes	587	Therapy for chronic back disorders, including lower back pain with no injury to the spinal cord
8	Removal of appendix		
27	Obstetric care		
40	Therapy for babies with low birth weight (under 5.5lb)	589	Therapy for benign skin tumours
		619	Liver transplant for people with liver cancer
82	Therapy to slow the progression of Aids		
151	"Comfort care" including pain relief medications, care for terminally ill cancer patients and others facing imminent death	620	Nutritional counselling for obesity
		636	Treatment of the common cold
		638	Therapy for glandular fever
323	Treatment for brain cancer	642	Therapy for acute viral hepatitis
472	Therapy for Parkinson's disease	660	Therapy for minor head injuries.

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Lynne Truss



■ The Buckingham Palace circuit is the home of British motor sport

Personally I would be sorry to see it go, that nice busy roundabout outside Buckingham Palace. Last week's news that the Royal Parks Review Group wants to pedestrianise it for the sake of tourists has come as a blow. Naturally, I can't fault their humanitarian motives, indeed I can easily picture the escalating woe their research must have induced, as, faces fixed in a rictus of alarm, they kept their St James's Park vigil, and monitored the near-hits with a regular muffled shriek. "I can't look!" they squealed, as every ten minutes a clueless foreign tourist, intent on the Palace, ventured halfway across the road from the Victoria Memorial, stopped, blinked for a moment, panicked, flapped his arms, and then at the very last minute vaulted the crash-barrier out of the path of a roaring cab.

But why don't they look at it from the other point of view? For the average Londoner, this game of high-speed chicken outside a national heritage beauty-spot is one of our very few opportunities to contribute usefully to the tourist industry. It's our only chance to interact. And it is to our credit, I think, that we do it with such enthusiasm. "There's one!" we say, dropping down a gear as we sweep round the corner from Birdcage Walk, and accelerate hard. "This will give them something to write home about!" And quite honestly, the tourists do seem to appreciate it, especially when we make jolly local hand-gestures at them through the windscreens and shout "Yah, turkeys!" as we thunder past. Safely arrived at the railings, they giggle red-faced from the chase, pant with pleasure, and sometimes even clutch their chestal area as testimony to the excitement. Which means that the gratified motorist can speed off up Constitution Hill to Hyde Park Corner with the pleasant satisfaction of a job well done.

Pave it over, make a namby-pamby promenade, and this precious interaction will most certainly be lost. But not only that: it will also give tourists the wrong impression of our lovely city, in which dangerous jay-walking is surely one of the chief means of expressing individuality and free will. "I am going to cross this road now, though hell should bar the way!" we declare stoutly, as we stride out into four lanes of traffic, misjudge the speed of an oncoming motorbike, and pretend not to hear what's shouted at us as it swerves and skids to a halt at the lights, just 20 yards down the road. Traffic dodging is part of the metropolitan experience, for goodness' sake, it's part of being British.

What's the point of coming to London if you never expose yourself to the fear of being run over? You might as well stay at home and knit fjords, or whatever it is that foreigners do. Our high pedestrian accident rate should be made a glowing feature of tourism campaigns, not swept under the carpet. Look at it in a positive light, and these foreigners are returning to their homes equipped with a life skill they could not possibly acquire anywhere else outside the third world.

No, if London's tourists deserve sympathy, it's for other things. The place is expensive and unfriendly, you can't get a coffee after half past five, London airport is curiously nowhere near London, and as for linguistic proficiency, well, let's just say our spoken English needs work. But since we don't make strenuous efforts to protect our honoured visitors from anything else in this hostile, uncomfortable culture, it is definitely a bit peculiar to want to save them from the cars. I mean, good grief, let's not get xenophobic here, but they do *make* these cars, you know. We only buy them and then drive in a reckless manner, as God intended.

So let's stop pussyfooting around. Leave that roundabout precisely where it is, with the traffic going clockwise to confuse the foreigners. After all, it could well be true that for every Japanese or German car squealing round and round the Victoria Memorial, sufficient funds flow back into the Japanese or German national kitty for several lucky people to pack a suitcase, fly to London, run across the road outside Buckingham Palace, and be almost knocked down. And if that's not a circular irony, then I don't know what is.

Saturday's bomb will not disturb America's distorted view of Northern Ireland, says **Conor Cruise O'Brien**

A misty-eyed view of Ireland's troubles

Albert Reynolds, the head of the present coalition government in Dublin and leader of the Fianna Fail party, was in the United States last week. Two reporters from the *Irish Independent* were present at a dinner to raise funds for Fianna Fail addressed by the Taoiseach in Boston on Wednesday. Their opening paragraph next day read: "Top level American support — from President Clinton down — to end the tragedy in the North and curb killings by British security forces, was urged last night by Taoiseach Albert Reynolds."

The report contained no reference to any killings in Northern Ireland other than those perpetrated by British security forces. Those forces, it seems, are in there blazing away for no reason, and that is what "the tragedy of the North" is all about.

The Americans who made up Mr Reynolds' audience have a clear idea of Northern Ireland, which visitors from Ireland disturb at their peril. The people responsible for all the troubles in Northern Ireland are the British occupying forces. The inhabitants of Northern Ireland are all Catholics and all innocent victims of British violence. There are no such people as Ulster Protestants or Unionists. All of Northern Ireland wants the British to go. That, and nothing else, is what Mr Reynolds' Boston audience expected to hear from him, and it seems likely that he said little or nothing that would conflict with their preconceptions.

There are reckoned to be more than 40 million Americans who are conscious of being at least partly of Irish descent. Rather more than half of those are descendants of Protestant immigrants, have long since been accepted as Wasps, and have no interest in the political aspects of Irishness. Furthermore, most of the descendants of Catholic immigrants who got beyond the east coast have little or no interest in the political aspects of contemporary Ireland. But in the cities of the east, especially in New York and Boston, there are sizeable pockets of politicised Irish, and it is in these pockets that politicians must rummage if they want to find support for their parties.

The politicised Irish-Americans have considerable influence with politicians and the press. *The New York Times* on April 5, for example, printed an article by Andrew O'Hehir of the *San Francisco Weekly*, which meets all the specifications of the Irish-American nationalist myth. "British policy sustains the terror", was the theme. The subject was defined as "Ireland" versus "Britain". The Ulster Protestants were left altogether out of account. The piece was written in fancy language of a politically correct tendency: "As long as Ireland refuses to confront the post-colonial trauma that distorts virtually all aspects of its social, cultural and political life, this dysfunctional pattern is unlikely to end." The meaning of this gobbledygook is that the real Irish, living in Ireland, are mostly not nearly nationalist enough to satisfy the Irish-American nationalist lobby fighting the British from a range of 3,000 or (in Mr O'Hehir's case) 6,000 miles.

You may think that this picture of Northern Ireland, as reported by the *Irish Independent*, is pretty rum, given that Mr Reynolds is the head of a government that is Britain's partner in the Anglo-Irish Agreement, and enjoys consultative status with regard to the activities and demeanour of the security forces there, but then the agreement concluded in 1985 has always been rum. It is an agreement between two partners, one of which is constitutionally obliged to negate the international integrity of the other. Articles 2 and 3 of Ireland's 1937 Constitution are a *de jure* claim to territory which is legally part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Garret FitzGerald explained to Margaret Thatcher at the time that Articles 2 and 3 were harmless, since the claim to all of Ireland is suspended indefinitely "pending the reintegration of the national territory", but that interpretation, though offered in good faith, has subsequently proved to be untenable.

More than three years ago, the Irish Supreme Court found that "the reintegration of the national territory" is a "constitutional imperative" binding on every Irish government. The Irish partner to the Anglo-Irish Agreement is constitutionally committed to use the Agreement for the purpose of disintegrating the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. By failing to suspend the agreement, pending a clarification of the implications of that decision, the British government sent a clear signal that it has no serious objection to losing Northern Ireland. And that signal, accurately read by the IRA, is high among the causes for the continuance of what Mr Reynolds appears to call "the tragedy in the North". The tragedy is not confined to the North, as last week's explosion in London reminds us.

When Mrs Thatcher concluded that agreement, she apparently thought it would inhibit Dublin's spokesmen from giving a biased view in the United States. But last week in Boston, Albert Reynolds showed few signs of any such inhibition.

The distorted American idea of the situation is exacerbated by British official passivity (or worse) in the face of the nationalist pressure to annex Northern Ireland. The tacit acquiescence of successive British governments in the maintenance of that "constitutional imperative" hardly merits much respect.

He denied for his country

Diplomatic apologists who defend the human rights records of tyrants from their luxurious embassies deserve only contempt



King Fahd of Saudi Arabia: capricious absolute ruler in a state with neither a constitution nor basic freedoms

Bernard Levin

A few weeks ago I wrote here, at some length, about the appalling treatment suffered by Christians living or working in the more fanatical Muslim nations: Pakistan, Saudia Arabia, Iran and Sudan. I concluded by saying "... any Christian in Saudi Arabia or other fanatic state is in perpetual danger, and that danger can only become greater as time goes on". The Saudi Arabian ambassador, Ghazi Algosaibi, replied in a letter to *The Times*; I know, of course, that ambassadors must convey not their own opinions but those of their governments, but I have to say that, after reading his letter, I am astonished that the Saudi authorities should choose, for what, after all, is surely an important posting, a man of such manifestly low quality, demonstrated further by his impudent and offensive reply to a letter seeking information about conditions in Saudi Arabia.

The letter-writer asked — asked, without making any allegation — whether it is true that Christians may not preach Christianity in Saudi Arabia, that Bibles are forbidden there, that Christians may not have any place of worship. He also asked, as a Jew, whether he would be allowed into Saudi Arabia, let alone to practice the Jewish religion there. He ended by saying "I would be very grateful if you could could put my fears to rest on this point. Thankyou, in anticipation, for your time in considering this letter." To that, this lout of an ambassador replied, in full, "Many thanks for your letter of 31st March 1993. If I were a Jew, my conscience would be far more troubled by the plight of the Palestinians at the hands of fellow-Jews than with religious practices in Saudi Arabia."

There have been, throughout the centuries, and certainly in our century, envoys who have refused to serve tyrants. These honourable men ran risks in breaking with evil; some were caught, to face a terrible vengeance. Yet we should not be too hard on ambassadors and their staffs, even those of the wickedest countries; it is not they who imprison and torture and murder. Still, there are limits; ambassadors like the present Saudi Arabian envoy and the representative of Sudan must be offered the proper diplomatic courtesies, but no more; surely no decent person, not bound by protocol, would accept an invitation to, say, a party at such sties of oppression.

Before I offer the evidence of the appalling lack of anything that could be called human rights in those two countries — I must remark on the shaming fact that since the end of the second world war the Arab world has, in the words of the American newspaperman A.M. Rosenthal:

> ... failed to produce a single government that shares power with its people, a single government that holds itself accountable to its people, a single government based on genuine parliamentary process, religious freedom and democratic restraints ... The failure of democracy to take root in the Middle East enabled Arab leaders to slaughter and smother their people ... But maybe we in the West are more comfortable with excusing dictatorships.

There is no "maybe" about it. When the prime minister let it be known that he was going to meet Salman Rushdie the squealing from his back-benchers would have made a hippopotamus vomit. They said it was a "provocation" for Iran, they said we would lose trade with that country, they said — I'm quoting now — "... it is a great tragedy that Salman Rushdie's book has the extraordinary consequence of shattering our partnership with Iran just as it was growing". It's a mercy they didn't say the best course of action would be for an assassin to get to Mr Rushdie, and fully two thirds of them would be delighted if somebody did.

Meanwhile, there is an indictment to be considered, and with my two trusty (and impeccably accurate) volumes, the *World Human Rights Guide* and *Information, Freedom and Censorship*, let us see how the two with which I started are faring. We can get the picture in a short sentence: of the 104 countries examined and documented, only nine are worse than Saudi Arabia.

This is not as remarkable as you may think, because Saudia Arabia is ruled by one man, the king, who is an absolute ruler in a country which has no constitution, let alone a written one, no parliament, no elected bodies of any kind and of course no freedom of expression. The press is rigorously controlled, and is by order prohibited from criticising the "government"; for transgressions there is nothing like a trial, because the king's *ipse dixit*, delegated to his instruments, is enough. As for religious toleration, it is non-existent — indeed, much worse than non-existent, for a Saudi citizen who converts to a religion other than Islam is liable to the death penalty. Floggings, and the amputation of hands or feet are commonplace in Saudi "law". Imprisonment without trial is rife, as is torture. As for women, they are treated as a different and sub-human species.

But I had two correspondents, not one, denouncing me and my picture of hideous inhumanity; the ambassador of Sudan also came denying the truth, and in this case a small cheer is in order, because Sudan easily breaks the Saudi record: Saudi Arabia, in the *World Human Rights Guide*, has a worse human rights record than any but nine states, but Sudan's placing means that in all the 104 only *two* are worse than that dreadful country.

After the Sudan coup in 1989, the mostly Muslim north was subject to all the privations and terrors of a brutal dictatorship: indefinite imprisonment without trial, torture, suppression of any dissent, banning of newsapers, confiscation of property (i.e. theft by government thugs), and all the other indignities and horrors that go with savage totalitarian regimes. Now in the south of the country, where Christian Africans, together with people who follow animist cults live, non-Muslims are probably a majority of the population. Well, if they are, they will soon cease to be, if the savages who hold the entire country continue on their present course. For in the south, the same brutalities and terrors reign, but here there is another and much more terrible visitation: genocide.

For a long time, reports of the most frightful treatment of Sudanese Christians have been trickling out of the country; now, the trickle has become a torrent. It is notoriously difficult to measure the reliability of such reports, but I am assured that the witnesses to this ghastly bloodletting are now reporting in hundreds.

Here are some of the atrocities witnessed.

> In the city of Juba, in the south, something like a quarter of a million people — not those who are fighting the Sudanese forces — were rounded up, their homes were destroyed and their possessions taken, and they were packed into a football stadium and the churches. Disease and hunger are taking lives, and among those holding these unfortunates, rape and torture are commonplace. Elsewhere, thousands of Christians have been forcibly removed to the desert, without food and without water, and without any kind of shelter. It is reported that these conditions are lifted in the case of those who agree to convert to Islam.
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> Christian villages have been systematically razed, with much killing; this is where the most terrible atrocity, the crucifixions, have taken place. Many thousands of the dispossessed, if they live, are herded into concentration camps.
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> Christians have been arrested, on no charge, and been taken away, never to be seen again; these "disappearances" are all the more numerous in the case of Christian ministers or church helpers.
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> The African tribes suffer great racial discrimination, indignities and hatred.

We must, of course, be wary of deception. What we have been told about these terrible things is obviously hard to prove without, for instance, photographic evidence. Again and again in history, particularly modern history, such apparent wickedness has later been proved to be exaggerated. But we must remember, also, Orwell's realistic statement: "Atrocities do happen." Sooner or later, the unarguable truth will out. But it is very unlikely indeed to come in a letter from the Sudan ambassador.

Nor, in the other context, will it be found in the Saudi ambassador's embarrassing attempts at stale wit. I do not mind being called a liar by people like that, partly because I despise them, and partly because I know that in the course of their trade they are obliged to tell lies on behalf of their owners; but if neither of these two has the courage or honesty to join that noble band of envoys who have broken with evil and renounced tyranny, so be it. I can only hope that they will nurture their respective nations' mendacities without going into print. At least, I would esteem it a boon.

Mellor's blast

SUBTLETY is not a quality very often associated with David Mellor, but his remarks at the weekend after the IRA bomb have managed to surprise even his most ardent critics. John Major and other ministers are incensed that he chose to advise the government to change tack on IRA policy on Sunday.

His highly critical comments are seen in government circles as headline-grabbing and less than helpful. They are being compared to Margaret Thatcher's emotional appeal to arms over Bosnia. "Why are more of these people not caught? And when caught, why is it so difficult to convict them?", he said.

The first to weigh in on behalf of the government was the home secretary, Kenneth Clarke, who was angrily dismissive of "armchair security experts". Clarke even referred to the former minister of fun on Radio 4's *World at One*. "As my old friend David knows only too well, it's easy to offer advice from the sidelines," said Clarke.

Mellor has already ruffled feathers by censuring Malcolm Rifkind for his dismissal of Lady Thatcher's Bosnia plea, and there is now general agreement that with his latest outburst, he has blotted his ministerial copybook for good.

"This sort of emotional talk plays into the hands of the terrorist. David Mellor would not know what he is talking about anyway. Kenneth Clarke is absolutely right to say so," says Lord Merlyn-Rees, who was home secretary and Northern Ireland secretary in the last Labour government.

Sir John Wheeler, the former chairman of the Commons home affairs committee, was more diplomatic. "Public interest is best served by measured and statesman-like responses." Mr Mellor should perhaps take note.

Pregnant pause

LIBERAL views can go only so far. An advertisement in last week's *Liberal Democrat News* for pregnant party members to flaunt themselves in front of television cameras has gone unheeded. Not one reply has been received.

The advert was inserted on behalf of Smith & Watson, the film company which makes the party's political broadcasts and which, with Dr Miriam Stoppard, has now embarked on a TV series about childbirth and pregnancy. "They desperately want to film a woman giving birth in the next few weeks," the advertisement pleads. "Can anyone help?"

The short and not very surprising answer appears to be no — to the considerable disappointment of the film company's Nick Smith: "We need people at various stages of pregnancy and we thought that Lib Dem supporters would be, well, pretty liberal about it."



GED

DIARY

God on his side

THE charmed life of the Rev Dick Lucas, of St Helen, Bishopsgate, continues. Last year, when the IRA's bomb went off in St Mary Axe, he was in his bedroom reading P.G. Wodehouse while the walls collapsed around him. Had he been in his kitchen as usual, he might very well have been killed.

Although the rectory has just been repaired, Lucas had delayed moving back for two weeks. So when the IRA struck the City this time, he was still living in temporary accommodation in south London. "He was very lucky last year — he used to live in his kitchen. But that evening he was not feeling well and he went up to his bedroom," says the Venerable George Cassidy, Archdeacon of London. "Dick has been lucky again. And though an exceptional man, being philosophical and stoical, he is 67. I do not think that a bomb blast is a good thing on a regular basis."

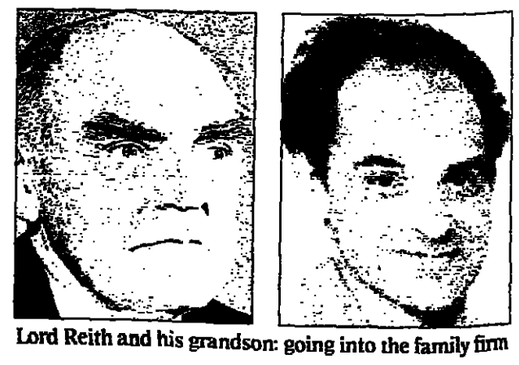
Home affairs

IT WAS, to say the least, an unusual request for an MP conducting his constituency surgery of a Saturday afternoon. But Sir Ivan Lawrence, Tory MP for Burton, quickly stepped into the breach when a distressed looking young man burst in to ask a very special favour.

Alan Bradd wasn't complaining about the council tax or local spending. No: he needed a witness for his wedding in the register office across the road. His first two choices had telephoned to say they had broken down and could not make it. So on the verge of despair, because no friends had been invited, he braved Burton Conservatives.

The chairman of the Commons home affairs committee, and his association chairman Dan Harrison duly closed their office, rushed over the road and stood in as witnesses for the groom and by-then-blushing bride, Carol Lloyd. Lawrence, happily married for 27 years, was delighted to be of service. "There was only one thing to do and I was delighted to help. Anything to get the marriage off to a good start."

● *One casualty of Fleet Street's rush to cover the story of a possible sale of the* Observer *was a 500-word article on the death of the 202-year-old paper by Magnus Linklater, editor of* The Scotsman, *commissioned for Friday's* Evening Standard. *Linklater, formerly the* Observer's *managing editor, is relaxed: "Editor's pieces get spiked more often than you'd think."*



Lord Reith and his grandson: going into the family firm

Grandfather's footsteps

THE HIGH moral tone set for the BBC by Lord Reith in the 1920s may yet return. His grandson will start as a producer/presenter for BBC Radio Scotland in July.

Mark Leishman, whose mother Marista is Reith's daughter, will be the first of the family to work for the BBC since his grandfather left in 1938. Leishman, currently a journalist with *The Sunday Times*, says he now wants to make the corporation his career. It is a BBC, however, that his grandfather would scarcely recognise. Under Reith, it had a puritanical air. Women on the reception desk wore evening gowns; unseen newsreaders wore dinner-jackets.

Nonetheless Leishman, who was nine when Reith died in 1971, feels his grandfather "would have approved of my going to the BBC. I remember him sitting behind a desk which was so big it looked like an aircraft carrier, and he always wore a very dark suit." The director-general's standard Armani?

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TRUTH AND RECOVERY

Without frankness about the past, the future may be bleak

After two and a half years of virtually uninterrupted economic decline, the recession is over and John Major looks happier. He probably is happier. But his authority with the people of Britain has not been automatically re-established by an announced increase of 0.6 per cent in non-oil gross domestic product.

"Britain is now starting to see the rewards of the policies the government has pursued over the last few years," declared Norman Lamont yesterday morning. True, there is a by-election coming. The comment still beggared belief. Having dug a giant hole and pushed the whole country into it for no good reason, Mr Lamont now asks the people of Britain to thank him for being given the chance to clamber out. The futile agonies of the European exchange-rate mechanism are to be forgotten, it seems. The Chancellor may have "no regrets": the 1.4 million people who lost their jobs because of the way he chose to do his job may feel differently.

If the truth is to be consigned permanently to the scrap-heap, the prospects are not nearly as favourable, either for the British economy or for the Major government, as they now ought to be, with the ERM a part of history and monetary and fiscal policy back under British control. Politically, the government's reluctance to take responsibility for its economic errors risks lasting damage to Mr Major's reputation for plain dealing. Economically, the Treasury's inability to learn from its mistakes calls into question the sustainability of the recovery which has now finally begun.

Britain starts this recovery from an exceptionally weak position in terms of public-sector borrowing and the gap between imports and exports. Britain's fiscal position is now more perilous than it has even been in peacetime. Apart from Italy, no other major industrialised country has ever recorded a public sector financial deficit as high, relative to its economy, as the £50 billion projected by the Treasury for next year. Worse still, the projected current account deficit of £17.5 billion contrasts with a surplus registered at the end of every other recession.

Fortunately Britain also starts this recovery with the lowest inflation for a generation, unit wage costs falling and the old union barons cowed. Around the world, too, inflationary pressures are waning, notwithstanding a recent small blip in the price of gold. Many economists have identified Britain's "twin deficits" as insuperable barriers to sustained recovery. In reality, however, there is a perfectly clear policy for maintaining economic recovery while bringing both deficits under control: the PSBR must be controlled by cutting public spending and raising taxes; the current account must be balanced by allowing sterling to float freely; and growth must be sustained by pushing interest rates far enough down to offset any deflationary effects from a tightening fiscal stance. To reassure the many exporters whose investment plans will depend on a competitive value of sterling, the government should make clear in advance that it will continue cutting interest rates, whenever it has the chance to match a monetary easing with a tightening of its fiscal stance.

Some of the unrepentant market-manipulators still present in the Treasury may reject this strategy on the grounds that a freely floating pound could endanger their inflation targets — and, more important, their chances of re-entering the ERM, as the Maastricht treaty requires. Rather than follow a properly designed policy that could combine rapid growth with improving fiscal and current account balances, they would prefer Britain to suffer permanent mass unemployment. These are the siren voices Mr Major must now learn to ignore.

YELTSIN'S DAY

Russians have bravely turned their faces forward

Boris Yeltsin has again defied the sceptics, outflanking his opponents in the political and economic establishments to win not only a personal triumph but a remarkable endorsement of the process of reform. The discomfiture of the conservatives is evident from their haste to deny the significance of the entire exercise. Because Mr Yeltsin failed to achieve the near-impossible, the assent of more than half the entire Russian electorate to fresh parliamentary elections, he still has a tough fight on his hands over constitutional reform. But the claim by Ruslan Khasbulatov, the speaker of the Russian parliament, that there were neither winners nor losers is a statement not of fact, but of the obstructive intentions of Mr Yeltsin's opponents.

Mr Yeltsin's victory may be less than absolute in narrow legal terms; but the voters' rejection of those who hanker after the old system is decisive. The preliminary results of the Russian referendum are better, far better, than many of his supporters dared to expect, especially given the Russian president's far-from-impressive campaign performance. On the first of the four questions, the vote of confidence in him, he scored as well or better than he did in 1991. Since he made public his plans to introduce a strong presidential system of government before the vote, Mr Yeltsin can legitimately claim that a vote for him was also a vote for constitutional reform.

Even more encouraging for Mr Yeltsin's government, and for the West, is the majority, albeit narrow, for economic reforms. The hostile majority in the Congress of People's Deputies added this question to the referendum, confident that even if Yeltsin the politician won through, Yeltsin the reformer would be stopped in his tracks by a popular revolt against the hardships entailed.

Many people may have voted for reforms who were simply fed up with their lives, fed up with the power struggle, and more suspicious of the old guard than of Mr Yeltsin. Yet the hardliners' strongest selling point, that reforms had brutalised life for the majority and ended a proud socialist tradition of public welfare, failed to carry the day.

Mr Yeltsin appealed to voters last Friday not to retreat from reform "without realising that the turning point was so close at hand". He has been given a chance to demonstrate that this is true. The reason may possibly be that the market has taken deeper root in Russia than is readily apparent either to foreigners or to Moscow's power-brokers. The roadside stalls that look so miserable to a Western observer sell small glimpses of consumer life. Food supplies are more reliable and, with access dependent more on having cash than on the right political connnections, the foundations of a market are being laid. Although some of the government's pre-referendum promises about cushioning the pain of reforms could cost it the progress just beginning to be made against inflation, the vote suggests that for many Russians, retreat looks even more daunting than the way forward.

Mr Yeltsin now has to convert this popular victory, incomplete as it is, into political leverage before momentum is lost. Renewed battle with the Congress of People's Deputies is a certainty if, as he has said, he goes ahead with a new constitution. Ending the constitutional stalemate could take months. In the short term, government by decree may be the only way to apply the political "shock therapy" without which economic reforms will continue to be mired in parliamentary obstruction.

The West, which can now expect a more confident partnership with Russia on the international stage, must salute his domestic victory with more than words, speeding the flow into Russia of the aid promised earlier this month. One dangerous corner has been turned. Mr Yeltsin has promised "tough, firm measures" and has a mandate to face down the hardliners. But the institutional odds against him are still formidable. In helping where it can to reduce those odds the West, too, has promises to keep.

ETHELBURGA RISING

The smallest church must be rebuilt from the rubble

Of all the buildings shattered by the IRA bomb in the City of London, the least replaceable, and least likely to be replaced, is the least demonstrably useful. The church of St Ethelburga-the-Virgin within Bishopsgate was the smallest church in the City. It had somehow managed to survive the Wars of the Roses, the Great Fire of 1666 and the Blitz: it provided for sentimentalists such as Betjeman the best example of a City parish church of the Middle Ages.

On a wicked day, St Ethelburga's was blasted by a bomb. Like all such medieval buildings, it had no foundations; it collapsed like a toy house. All that is left is a crater, the back wall and a mound of rubble. In all the television pictures and newspaper diagrams of Bishopsgate yesterday, St Ethelburga's was the invisible little building to bleed for.

And yet it will be said: the world has moved on since the medieval shoemakers, wheelwrights and the other guilds of the mercantile City built parish churches to display their piety and success. The City already has an embarrassment of beautiful churches with an embarrassment of small congregations. St Ethelburga's has been closed since the earlier IRA bomb of a year ago. The parish hoped to reopen it as a chapel in which City workers could pray and meditate during lunch breaks. Even when it was open, its congregations were tiny.

And yet again: the little towers of God still need to stand among the ephemeral towers of mammon. The medieval parishioners of the City have been scattered to the suburbs of Metroland and Tailback. But its medieval churches can still find new life when restored and adopted as St Clement Dane's has been by the Royal Air Force and St Bride's by the newspaper industry.

The resurrection of St Ethelburga's should not be paid for on its own by the Church of England. The Corporation of the City should want to contribute to rebuilding one of its oldest and most jewel-like buildings. Even in this less godly age, institutions and individuals in the City may want to contribute to the spiritual and architectural heritage of their workplace.

Modern materials and techniques make a facsimile feasible and St Ethelburga's has been rebuilt often before. Any old building, like any old person, is the continual aggregation of its experience and renovations. St Ethelburga's should be rebuilt — for itself and as a symbol of the continuity of London against its would-be destroyers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Members and ministers at odds with synod and Church

From Canon John Harwood

Sir, The blaze of publicity accorded to government ministers unable to accept the ordination of women to the priesthood must give cause for concern. Part of that concern must be sadness at the prospect of diminished fellowship, both for them as individuals and for the whole Church. None should rejoice over hurt feelings of betrayal. But ministerial economy with the truth does not help their cause.

It is plain nonsense for Mr John Gummer to protest (article, April 23) at this "novel doctrine of the infallibility of the General Synod": it has never been held or proclaimed. Nor has the Church of England "excluded" anybody by this decision: Mr Gummer and Miss Ann Widdecombe will always be welcome at an Anglican communion, whether as Anglicans or Roman Catholics.

Nor has the Church of England changed its doctrine by one jot or tittle: the creeds make no mention of ordination — either of men or women.

Nor is the Church of England alone in making its decision: other independent provinces of the Anglican Communion, some with a distinctly "catholic" flavour, have arrived at the same conclusion in this long-standing theological debate.

It remains to be seen how far those who exclude themselves from the Church of England by transference to the Roman Catholic Church will wish "to eat the menu" (in the words of Cardinal Hume, report, April 24), including the rejection of Anglican orders as "utterly null and void". A little indigestible?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN HARWOOD,
29 Clarence Hill, Dartmouth, Devon.

From Mr John Gummer, MP for Suffolk Coastal (Conservative)

Sir, *The Times* is nothing if not consistent. The hammer of Catholics and Tractarians throughout the 19th century, you returned to the charge in your leading article on April 24. Yet the Protestant interpretation of history cannot be correct or there could never have been a Catholic movement in the Church of England at all.

No George Herbert or Nicholas Ferrar, no Caroline divines, no Keble or Pusey, no Edward King or Michael Ramsey. They all believed that the Elizabethan Settlement kept the Anglican Church firmly within the Catholic fold. They did not doubt that she retained all that was essential to Catholicity — in particular, the creeds and orders of the universal Church.

Puritans, deists and Arnoldian liberals — all failed in their attempts to change the doctrine and formularies of the Church of England to make a Catholic interpretation impossible.

Where they failed, the General Synod has succeeded. Its unilateralism will finally exclude catholics from the Church of England. It is the end of the Elizabethan Settlement, and your leader's *1066 and All That* view of church history cannot disguise that.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SELWYN GUMMER,
House of Commons.
April 26.

From the Dean of Salisbury and others

Sir, As deans and provosts of English cathedrals, we would like to reassure those whose confidence in the Church has been shaken by the disproportionate space given in the media to the opponents of ordination of women to the priesthood. We are acutely aware of their distress but, in our judgment, they are a small minority who do not speak for the great majority of Church people.

We believe the decision of General Synod in November is a legitimate development of Catholic Christianity based on scripture, tradition and reason. This accords with the historic understanding of authority as constantly held by the Church of England.

Yours etc,
HUGH DICKINSON (Dean of Salisbury), JOHN ARNOLD (Dean of Durham), JOHN DRURY (Dean of Christ Church, Oxford), DAVID EDWARDS (Provost of Southwark), RAYMOND FURNELL (Provost of St Edmundsbury), MICHAEL HIGGINS (Dean of Ely), ROBERT JEFFERY (Dean of Worcester), BEN LEWERS (Provost of Derby), RICHARD LEWIS (Dean of Wells), JOHN MOSES (Provost of Chelmsford), JOHN PETTY (Provost of Coventry), JOHN RICHARDSON (Provost of Bradford), EDWARD SHOTTER (Dean of Rochester), DAVID STANCLIFFE (Provost of Portsmouth), JOHN TREDGOLD (Dean of Chichester), ROBERT WILLIS (Dean of Hereford),
The Deanery,
7 The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire.
April 23.

From Mr Tom Smith

Sir, Mr Gummer writes of the church which the Elizabethan Settlement sought to make the church of the English nation.

Speaking as a Scot, I am sure the English, a tolerant nation, will not yet have grown weary of people hawking their consciences over the ordination of women; but I think it very probable that the great majority of them will be in sympathy with the reputed view of Elizabeth herself: "There is only one Jesus Christ and all the rest is a dispute over trifles."

Yours sincerely,
TOM SMITH,
55 Manor Place, Edinburgh 3.

From Mrs Victoria Owens

Sir, The media gives much publicity to the recent decision by Ann Widdecombe to convert to Roman Catholicism, in protest at the Church of England's decision to ordain women.

I am a Roman Catholic supporter of women's ordination. I make a point of regularly attending Anglican evensong at a church served by a woman deacon, in addition to going to Mass at my local Catholic church. Strange to say, I consider that I, too, am bridging two communions.

Yours faithfully,
VICTORIA OWENS,
3 Bellevue Cottages,
Cliftonwood, Bristol, Avon.

From the Reverend Hugh Rayment-Pickard

Sir, I do not understand what Mr Gummer means when he says in his article that he is being "excluded" from the Church of England. Far from asking Mr Gummer to leave, the bishops are working hard — some say too hard — to keep him and others in the Church.

We must remember that the synod vote was an inclusive measure, to bring those women who *were* excluded (in the proper sense of the word) from the ordained priesthood.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH RAYMENT-PICKARD,
21 Blurton Road, E5.

From Dr R. P. Hopkins

Sir, It is very unlikely that Miss Ann Widdecombe, the junior social security minister, attended a High Mass, even though you repeatedly report today that she did.

The Second Vatican Council abolished High Mass as part of the Tridentine rite some 30 years ago and proscribed it in its almost dictatorial desire to simplify and make commonplace Roman Catholic worship. If Miss Widdecombe wishes to attend a High Mass, celebrated with the assistance of a deacon and subdeacon, she will have to return to the branch of the Church she has just left.

This is the reason why some of us journeyed in the opposite direction from Miss Widdecombe and, incidentally, without accompanying publicity.

Yours faithfully,
ROY HOPKINS,
17 Westcote Close,
Witney, Oxfordshire.

From Mrs R. F. Millen

Sir, If Ann Widdecombe decides to become a Roman Catholic, for whatever reason, that is her decision and a purely personal matter.

Why then did she consider it necessary to court maximum publicity, by appearing on TV, inviting the press to the service, and posing for the photograph which you published on your front page on April 22 at what should surely have been one of the most private moments of her life?

Yours faithfully,
RACHEL MILLEN,
Cherry Tree Cottage, Titchfield Lane,
Wickham, Hampshire.

Cutting Britain's pollution levels

From the Secretary of State for the Environment

Sir, It is a pity that Labour environment spokesman Chris Smith's concern for the environment (letter, April 22) is outweighed by his desire to demean our national performance. The discussion document we published last December set out in detail the calculations by which we arrived at Britain's target of a reduction in carbon emissions of ten million tonnes.

Throughout the subsequent consultation, including four workshops with a wide range of interested parties, this figure has not been seriously challenged and remains a sound basis for meeting our commitments under the Climate Change Convention.

We have no burden-sharing obligations on carbon emissions within the EC, nor do we intend to undertake them. If Mr Smith thinks we should accept any such obligations, he should say so.

He is right to point out that the measures announced by the Chancellor in the Budget will take us a third of the way to our target. It is simply his opinion that those measures will not work. I do not share it.

Other measures in hand, including the Energy Saving Trust (EST), will generate another third. The EST will launch its first scheme within two weeks and two more will follow in June. The energy management assistance scheme to which Mr Smith referred so dismissively has attracted over 1,300 applications from small businesses in a year.

By my calculation a third plus a third equals two thirds, thus properly justifying the claim I made. This is not the first time, however, that simple arithmetic has been beyond Labour.

The fact is that Britain is in the forefront of responding to the threat of climate change. We played a key role in bringing the United States into the convention. We are well ahead of our EC partners in quantifying the route to our target. We are the only country to have undertaken such a wide programme of public consultation.

On May 7 we will be holding a major public conference in London on meeting our target, to which I am more than willing to invite Mr Smith if it will help him understand the issues. He might then be better placed to applaud British success instead of seeking to undermine our efforts by carping criticism.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HOWARD,
Department of the Environment,
2 Marsham Street, SW1.
April 22.

All that glitters

From Mr Steven Downes

Sir, Twice in three days (Weekend, April 16; leading article, April 18), Chris Brasher, the chairman of the NutraSweet London Marathon, was described as the "former Olympic gold medal winner". As Matthew Parris (April 18) observes, it is records that are subject to "the grim certainty of sporting oblivion". Medals, as the sporting cliché dictates, are things that nobody can ever take away.

Yours faithfully,
STEVEN DOWNES,
191 Pullman Court,
Streatham Hill, SW2.
April 19.

More things in heaven

From Mr Ernest F. Crosswell

Sir, As Professor A. J. Ellison (letter, April 20) says: "There are such things as religious experiences." There are also such things as non-religious experiences, which are called hallucinations. There is no way of differentiating between these subjective phenomena; nor is it possible to evaluate them.

Some of these experiences, religious or not, affect certain people in ways that are deadly to themselves and to innocent third parties. There is much to be said for a healthy scepticism.

Yours faithfully,
E. F. CROSSWELL,
78 Goldsworthy Way,
Slough, Berkshire.
April 20.

From Mr Kenneth E. O. Griffiths

Sir, When I was at school around 70 years ago, at Merchant Taylors', Crosby, I was taught that "science discovers what God reveals".

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH GRIFFITHS,
Brook Hey, Benty Heath Lane,
Willaston, Cheshire.
April 23.

From Mr Peter Mullen

Sir, "God, of course, was not a scientist; he was an engineer", writes Mr Andrew Colchester (letter, April 22). *Was?*

Yours eternally,
PETER MULLEN,
16 Whin Road, Dringhouses, York.
April 22.

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Action in Bosnia

From Mr Michael J. Naylor

Sir, Woodrow Wyatt gives us an intelligent and reasoned article on the appalling situation in the former Yugoslavia ("Stay out of Bosnia's turmoil", April 21). Europe's graveyards are littered with the bodies of young Britons who rallied to the call to take up arms for some cause in a foreign land. The solution to this particular problem can be solved only by those living there. To interfere would cause a terrible escalation, but, more importantly, would place an intolerable burden on our young soldiers.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL J. NAYLOR,
Glenwood, Wych Hill Lane,
Woking, Surrey.

From Lord Mishcon, QC

Sir, Woodrow Wyatt's article contains interesting historical allusions. He omits, however, reference to historical lessons bitterly learned from the past when a policy of "staying out" in the face of horrors perpetrated against innocent civilians has led to our having to deal with even more horrific and dangerous events in which we have no option but to be involved.

If action is not taken soon, by air strike or other means, aimed at enforcing the stoppage of the mass carnage of innocent men, women and children and at bringing about a peaceful settlement, the prestige of the major powers, including that of our own country, as well as that of the United Nations, will have suffered irrevocable damage. We will also have afforded encouragement to others who would wish by force to perpetrate evil, including "ethnic cleansing", in the future.

Yours truly,
VICTOR MISHCON,
House of Lords.

Imported violence

From Mr D. K. Payne

Sir, Last Friday BBC2 showed *Badlands* at 11.20pm. *Radio Times* reported the story: "Kit and his teenage lover Holly are on the run after shooting her father. They travel through south Dakota killing anyone who gets in their way." Why on earth is the BBC buying such violent entertainment from America? Surely, real life is bad enough.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK PAYNE,
Martenscroft, 49 The Drive,
Tonbridge, Kent.
April 21.

The 'Great Barter'

From Mr George Walker

Sir, Having just returned from South Africa, where I was working with principals of schools in Soweto and the Highveld under the auspices of that remarkable organisation Read, concerned with literacy in schools, I found Simon Jenkins's analysis ("The Great Barter goes on", April 21) both interesting and perceptive.

He is right: South Africa persistently refuses to satisfy the media's apocalyptic expectations. This is certainly due in part to new levels of co-operative activity throughout the country, but also to the apparent willingness of much of the non-white community to forgive the appalling injustices of the past.

On one important issue, however, I believe Simon Jenkins to be wrong. I have met many South African industrialists, but none who would support his claim that sanctions had strengthened the country's economy.

On the contrary, there is plenty of evidence that restricted access to international markets has severely weakened the competitiveness of manufacturing industry.

In a country where so much has been promised to so many in such a short space of time, the future threat will come in the form of economic reality, not Chief Buthelezi.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE WALKER
(Director General),
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April 22.

An active president

From the Secretary of the Royal Academy of Arts

Sir, Sir Roger de Grey, we read (Diary, April 21), has (to the knowledge of Sir Roy Strong, a former director of the V&A) "hardly painted a picture" since he was elected president of the Royal Academy — except, that is, for the six one-man shows, the 48 pictures sent to the Summer Exhibition and his current exhibition ("Interior/Exterior") at Burlington House, mentioned in your Arts listings of only the previous day.

It is true that the position is one of honour, not emolument, and it is a real honour to be elected to it by your fellow artists; I think an apology is due to Sir Roger, who remains at the height of his creative powers as well as being a popular and respected president of the Royal Academy.

Yours sincerely,
PIERS RODGERS,
Secretary, Royal Academy of Arts,
Piccadilly, W1.

Contaminated land

From Mr Graham Jukes

Sir, The strategy put forward by Christopher Jonas, of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (letter, April 14), for dealing with contaminated land would fail to deal with the real issues underpinning the whole debate over the now defunct register. The main reason for introducing registers as the first stage in a comprehensive strategy for identifying and remedying contaminated land must be the protection of public health and not the protection of land values.

The RICS suggests that land should be investigated when it is developed or redeveloped. This would leave many acres of land continuing to present a risk to public health. The public has a right to know and is demanding to know, and local authorities now have a duty to make that information available.

After leading the campaign for the withdrawal of the proposals to make contaminated land registers compulsory, the RICS maintains that local authorities should be encouraged to identify and ensure the treatment of contaminated land, even though their resources for site investigation have been cut from £25 million last year to £12 million this year. Setting up registers of land that may be contaminated was the first step towards a clear system of identification, investigation and remedial treatment.

Public awareness of the problem has increased and yet the government has failed to take the necessary action. It remains to be seen if the government's review will propose an alternative and less contradictory strategy.

Yours faithfully,
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16 Great Guildford Street, SE1.

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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 25: Mrs Joan Jackson was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 26: The Queen, Visitor, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, today visited Wellington College, Crowthorne, and was received by The Duke of Kent (President), The Duchess of Kent and Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr John Henderson).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness attended a Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving in the College Chapel.

The Queen officially opened the new Hopetoun Boarding House, unveiled a commemorative plaque and, with The Duke of Edinburgh, toured the new building escorted by the Master (Mr Jonty Driver).

Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, afterwards honoured the College with her presence at luncheon.

The Queen later presented The Queen's Medal to Mr Christopher Macfarlane (Head of College), who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by the Master.

Mrs John Dugdale, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, this afternoon attended a Council Meeting at St George's House, Windsor.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this evening gave a dinner for Founder Members of the Charter for Business at Buckingham Palace.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 26: The Duke of York this evening attended the Seatrade Annual Awards for Achievement dinner and presented the prizes, Guildhall, London EC2.

Captain Neil Blair, RN, was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 26: The Princess Royal today visited Devon and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Lieutenant-Colonel the Earl of Morley).

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, later visited the Save the Children Fund Shop, 64 Fore Street, Totnes.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, afterwards opened Teignbridge and District Citizens' Advice Bureau, 5 Bank Street, Newton Abbot.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Sense, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, this afternoon visited the Royal West of England School for the Deaf, Topsham Road, Exeter.

The Princess Royal afterwards opened the newly refurbished and extended Exeter Nuffield Hospital.

Lady Carew Pole was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 26: The Duke of Kent, President, accompanied by The Duchess of Kent, this morning visited Wellington College, Berkshire for the opening of the Hopetoun by The Queen.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

Stargazers' guide to the night sky in May

By Michael J. Hendrie
ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY starts May as a morning star reaching superior conjunction with the Sun on the 16th. It then reappears in the evening sky setting an hour and a half after the Sun by the 31st.

The -1.0 magnitude planet may be visible late in the month, low down in the northwestern sky about an hour after sunset.

Venus is a morning star reaching greatest brilliancy (-4.5 magnitude) on the 7th. It may be seen in eastern twilight about an hour before sunrise. Waning crescent Moon near by on the 18th.

Mars is a 1.3 magnitude evening star in Cancer setting by midnight in late May. Moon near by on the 26th/27th.

Jupiter is a bright -2.2 magnitude object in the constellation Virgo, setting by 02h late in the month. Moon near by on the 3rd and again on the 30th.

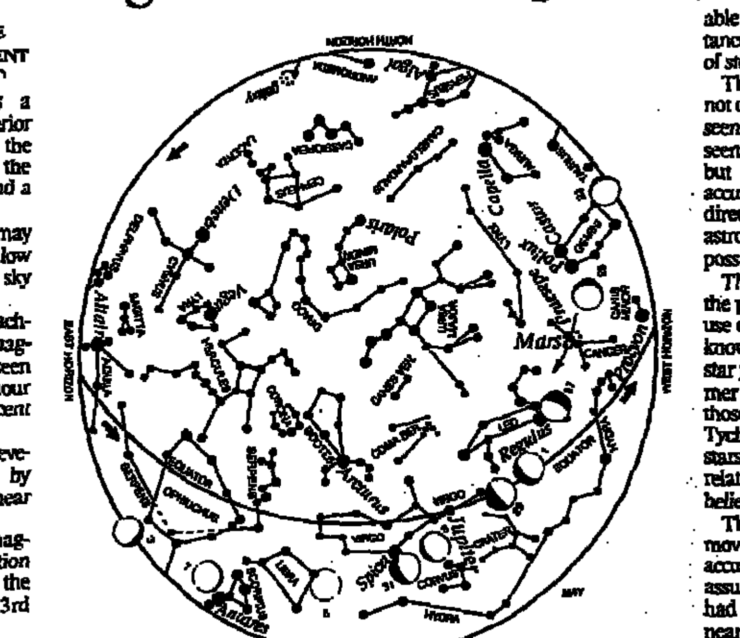
Saturn is 0.9 magnitude and in Aquarius rising by 0lh on the 31st. Moon nearby on the 14th.

Uranus and Neptune are close together in Sagittarius, rising by 23h late in the month. Moon near by on the 11th.

The Moon: full Moon, 6d 04h; last quarter, 13d 12h; new Moon, 21d 14h; first quarter, 28d 18h.

Sunset on the 1st is at 19h 25m and on the 31st at 20h 10m while sunrise is at 04h 30m and 03h 50m on the same dates. Astronomical twilight ends at 21h 55m and begins again at 02h 00m early in the month and lasts all night from early May in Scotland and from about the 20th in southern England.

There will be a partial eclipse of the Sun on the 21st visible from Canada, northern Europe, northwestern parts of Asia and the Arctic regions. Northern Scotland will see the Moon cover a small part of the Sun's disc between about 15h 00m and 15h 30m. The eclipse will not be visible in England and Wales.



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

Mars moves quickly eastwards through the constellation Cancer and in mid-month passes through the Praesepe star cluster. It will pass just to the north of the brightest cluster stars on the evening of the 12th and will be within the boundaries of the cluster from the 11th to the 14th and in the same field of view in binoculars during the middle two weeks of May.

The Praesepe star cluster is visible to the unaided eye on a dark night as a misty patch two or three times the size of the full moon. Even the brightest stars are not readily picked out individually with the naked eye, unlike the Pleiades. Open star clusters consist of stars that have condensed from a single cloud of gas, some 660 million years ago in the case of Praesepe, and are in the process of drifting apart though still moving in the same general direction around the centre of the Galaxy and still recognisable as a group.

Light travels at 300,000 km per second or from the Sun to the Earth in eight minutes. In mid May Mars is 1.6 times as far away from us as the Sun or about 13 light minutes, so the stars of Praesepe which are 530 light years away are some 27 million times farther from us than is Mars. It took over 200 years from being able to measure the planets' distances to the first reliable measures of stellar distances.

The invention of the telescope not only enabled small things to be seen larger and faint things to be seen that could not be seen before, but it provided a much more accurate way of determining the directions or "positions" of astronomical objects than was possible with the naked eye.

The approximate distances of the planets were known before the use of the telescope. It was already known from a comparison of the star positions of the Greek astronomer Hipparchus (c 127 BC) and those of the Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe (1546-1601) that the stars were not absolutely fixed relatively to each other as was once believed.

The telescope allowed these movements to be measured very accurately and, on the reasonable assumptions that those stars that had moved most were probably the nearest and that bright stars were probably nearer than faint ones, attempts were made to measure their distances using for a base line the diameter of the Earth's orbit round the Sun (300 million km).

If a star were near, its direction should change relative to more distant stars when seen from opposite ends of the Earth's orbit, in other words when the directions were measured six months apart. As the distances were greater than expected, the changes in direction were very small and it was 1838 before Bessel measured the distance of the 5th magnitude 61 Cygni as 11 light years soon to be followed by 0 magnitude stars Alpha Centauri (4.3 ly) determined by Henderson and Vega (27 ly) by F. Struve.

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School news

Churcher's College
Summer term commences on Tuesday, April 27 and ends on Thursday, July 8. The Old Churcherian Club London Dinner will be held at the East India Club on Friday, May 7 and the OCC will play the 1st XI in the annual Cricket Match on Saturday, July 3 starting at 11.00am. Open Day will be held on Saturday, July 3 from 9.30am until 1.00pm and Sports Day is Tuesday, July 6.

Croft House School
The Governors of Croft House School, Shillingstone, Dorset, announce the appointment of Mr Michael P. Hawkins as Headmaster from September 1993. Mr Hawkins has been Headmaster of St Anne's School, Windermere, since 1986 and will succeed the present Headmistress, Mrs Susan Rawlinson.

St Francis' College, Letchworth
The Summer Term at St Francis' College began on Wednesday, April 21 and ends on Wednesday, June 30, 1993. The Preparatory Department's Jubilee Nature Garden will be opened on Fun Day, Sunday, June 13 and the ceremony will be performed by Mrs Julie Toll. The Jubilee Ball organised jointly by the Preparatory and Senior Parents' Associations will be held at the Blakemore Hotel on Friday, June 18. Anyone wishing to buy tickets should contact Mr D. Bridgman at the College. The Preparatory Department's production of *HMS Pinafore* will be held in the St Francis' Theatre on Friday, June 25 at 7.00pm.

Luncheons

English-Speaking Union
Mr Jonathan Aitken, MP, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Mrs Edward Norman-Butler, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth Cultural Affairs Committee, presided and Mrs Valerie Mitchell, deputy director general of the union, also spoke.

Rotary Club of London
Mr Stuart Mole, Director of the Commonwealth Secretariat, was the speaker at a luncheon of the Rotary Club of London held yesterday at the London Marriott Hotel. Mr Neville Shulman, president, was in the chair.

Reception

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Defence, was host yesterday at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House in honour of the Western European Union Assembly Defence Committee.

Dinner

United and Cecil Club
Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, was host to the United and Cecil Club at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons. Sir Marcus Fox, MP, chairman, presided. Mr Michael Howard, QC, MP, was the principal guest and speaker. Mr Lewis Moss also spoke.

Marriages

**Mr O.N.J. Ash
and Miss S.G. Lea**
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 24, 1993, at St Martin's Church, Ermenonville, near Paris, of Mr Oliver Ash, son of the late Julian and Helene Ash, to Miss Susanna Lea, daughter of the Ven Brian and Mrs Lea. The Rev Jonathan Foster officated.

The bride was attended by Miss Natasha Taylor. Mr Steven Wragg was best man.

A reception was held at the Château of Ermenonville.

**Mr M.R. Creese
and Miss A.M. Chojdak**
The marriage took place on April 17, at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place, Holborn, of Mr Martin Creese, younger son of Professor and Mrs Richard Creese, of Barnes, Surrey, to Miss Anna Chojdak, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.S. Chojdak, of Palawy, Poland. Father Kit Cunningham officiated.

A reception was held at the Garrick Club.

**Mr E.W. Griffiths
and Miss B.J. Sprague**
The marriage took place in the Cathedral of St Mary and All Saints, Harare, Zimbabwe, on Saturday, April 17, 1993, of Mr Edward Griffiths to Miss Bridget Sprague.

**Mr B.J.K. Weatherall
and Miss S.M. Johnston**
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 24, at St Faith's Church, Shellingford, of Mr Benjamin Weatherall, son of Captain and Mrs Anthony Weatherall, of Cowhill, Dumfries, to Miss Silvy Johnston, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Johnston, of Shellingford House, Oxfordshire. The Rev John Gaume-Cain officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Stella Weatherall, Lord Glamis, the Hon Jock Bowes Lyon, Harry Soames, Bertram Weatherall and Edward Weatherall. Mr Agustin Hochschild was best man.

The honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Forthcoming marriages

**Dr R.W. Baker
and Dr J.D. Nelson**
The engagement is announced from Auckland, New Zealand, between Bob, son of Mr Ted Baker and Mrs Pamela Baker-Clare, of Leicester, and Juliet, daughter of Dr Peter and Dr Valerie Nelson, of Belfast.

**Mr G.N. Burrows
and Miss N.L. Toms**
The engagement is announced between Giles, son of Mr and Mrs Kit Burrows, of Burton Overy, Leicestershire, and Nicky, daughter of the late Mr Leslie Toms and of Mrs Valerie Howe, of Great Baddow, Essex.

**Mr E.S. Grigg
and Miss R.S. Kelly**
The engagement is announced between Sebastian, elder son of the Hon Anthony and Mrs Grigg, and Rachel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Laurence Kelly.

**Mr J.M. Slawson
and Miss N.C. Manning**
The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Slawson, of Claines, Worcestershire, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Manning, of Pollenca, Mallorca.

Birthdays today

Professor J.P. Barron, master, St Peter's College, Oxford, 59; Mr Donald Buttress, Surveyor of the Fabric of Westminster Abbey, 61; Sir Ross Chesterman, former warden, Goldsmiths' College, 84; the Most Rev R.H.A. Eames, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, 56; Sir Peter Imbert, former Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, 60; the Right Rev E.W. Kemp, Bishop of Chichester, 78; Sir Harry Melville, former principal, Queen Mary College, 85; Professor Sir Richard Norman, rector, Exeter College, Oxford, 61; Mr Igor Oistrakh, violinist, 62; Mr Alan Reynolds, painter, 67; the Hon Nicholas Serota, director, Tate Gallery, 47; Lord Taylor of Gryfe, 81; Sir John Thomson, diplomat, 66.

Latest wills

Mr Douglas John Cardew **Robinson**, of St Margarets, Twickenham, northwest London — Cardew Robinson the actor and comedian — left estate valued at £74,628 net.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as President of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, will attend the international conference, Eating Disorders '93, at Kensington New Town Hall at 10.25.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will launch Save the Children Fund Week 1933 at the TUC headquarters at 10.00.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Sir Sydney Lipworth, Chairman of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Mairi Radcliff presided.

Appointment

Michael Stuart Hone to be HM Ambassador to Iceland.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Edward Gibbon, historian, London, 1737; Samuel Morse, painter and inventor of the telegraphic code bearing his name, Charlestown, Massachusetts, 1791; Herbert Spencer, philosopher, Derby, 1820; Ulysses Grant, general, C-in-C of Union forces in American Civil War, 18th American President 1869-77, Point Pleasant, Ohio, 1822; Cecil Day-Lewis, poet laureate 1968-72, and, as Nicholas Blake, writer of detective stories, Ballintubbert, co. Laois, Ireland, 1904; Sheila Scott, aviator, Worcester, 1927.

DEATHS: Jan Van Goyen, landscape painter, The Hague, 1656; Thomas Stothard, painter, London, 1834; William Macready, actor-manager, Cheltenham, 1873; Ralph Waldo Emerson, philosopher and poet, Concord, Massachusetts, 1882; Alexander Scriabin, composer, Moscow, 1915; Hart Crane, poet, Garrettsville, Ohio, 1932; Ed Murrow, broadcaster, New York, 1965; Kwame Nkrumah, prime minister of Ghana 1957-60, Bucharest, 1972.

Guernica was bombed by German planes, 1937.

Memorial services

Mr Jeremy Tree
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Arthur Jeremy Tree was held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev Roy McAllen officiated, assisted by the Rev Kingsley Joyce. The Duke of Beaufort read the lesson and the Earl of Carnarvon gave an address. Among those present were:

Mr Michael and Lady Anne Tree (brother and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Jamie Cayzer-Colvin, the Hon Sir John and Lady Astor, the Hon David Astor, Miss Stella Astor, Mr Michael Astor, Lord and Lady Charles Spencer-Churchill, Lady Elizabeth Cavendish, the Hon Mrs Wyndham, Miss Melissa Wyndham, Mr Henry Wyndham, Mr Michael Wyndham, Mrs A Winn, Miss Elizabeth Winn.

The Duke of Roxburghe, the Duke of Marlborough, the Marquess of Hartington (Jockey Club), the Marquess of Waterford, the Earl and Countess of Wilton, the Earl of Huntingdon, Earl De La Warr, the Countess of Carnarvon, Viscountess Trenchard, Viscount Head, Viscount Hambleden, Lord Patrick Beresford, Lord King of Wartnaby, Lord and Lady Swaythling, Lady Bruntisfield, Lady Reay, Lord Manton, Lord and Lady Vestey, Lord Ashcombe, Lord and Lady Holderness, Lord Weinstock.

Lady Alexandra Metcalfe, Lady Katharine Farrell, Lady Daphne Straight, Lady Carolyn Warren, Lady Helen Smith, Lady Jane Fellowes, Lady Margaret Fortescue, Lady Camilla Hipwood, Major the Hon James and Mrs Morrison, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, the Hon Mrs Richard Palmer, the Hon Benjamin Leigh, the Hon David Russell, the Hon Peter Ward, the Hon Dominic Elliot, the Hon Mary Morrison, the Hon Mrs Townend, the Hon Lady Morrison, the Hon Robin Warrender, the Hon Anthony Warrender.

Sir William Dugdale, Lady Kennard, Sir Thomas Pilkington, Sir Arthur and Lady Collins, Sir Edward Ford, Sir Hugh and the Hon Lady Dundas, Lady Bowes-Lyon, Colonel Sir Piers Bengough, Sir Philip Adams, Sir Hugh and the Hon Lady Dundas, Sir Ralph Southward, Mr and the Hon Mrs Michael Brand.

Major Timothy Tufnell, Captain and Mrs John Macdonald-Buchanan, Mrs E Macdonald-Buchanan, Mrs Henry Brockbank, Mr Charlie Burrell, Mr John Bowes-Lyon, Mr and Mrs Simon Parker Bowles, Brigadier Andrew Parker Bowles, Mrs Roderic More O'Ferrall, Mr and Mrs Desmond FitzGerald, Mr Tommy Gosling, Mr A Hanbury, Mr David Pipe, Mrs John Charlton, Mr and Mrs R McCreery, Mr David Ker, Mr John Campbell, Mr Walter Swinburne, Sr.

Brigadier R Sassoon, Mr Jimmy Lindley, Mr D Strauss, Mr John Gerard Leigh, Mr Alastair Forbes, Mr Michael Stoute, Mrs M A Paravicini, Derek Paravicini, Mr Michael Bonsor, Mr Ian Cameron, Mr Luke Lillingston, Mr Colin Ingleby-MacKenzie, Mr and Mrs John Dunlop, Mr Michael Naylor-Leyland, Mr David Metcalfe, Mr C L Loyd, Mr Archie Stirling, Mr Gerry Albertini, Mr and Mrs Luca Cumani, Mr Mark Horne, Mr Edward Rayne, Mr Rupert Lycett Green, Mr John Hastings Bass.

Mr James Hambro, Mr Julian Belfrage, Mr and Mrs Nick Gaselee, Mr Julian Sheffield, Mr Andrew Bengough, Mr Richard Hambro, Mr Christopher Balfour, Mr David Cecil, Mr and Mrs Malcolm Kimmins, Mr and Mrs Robert de Pass, Mr and Mrs Ian Balding, Mr Richard Beckett, Mr Lester Piggott, Mrs Anne Charlton.

Professor Sir John McMichael
A Memorial Service for Emeritus Professor Sir John McMichael, MD, FRCP, FRS, will be held at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London, SW1, at 11.30am on Tuesday, May 18, 1993.

Dame Janet Vaughan
A Memorial Service will be held in the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, at 2.30pm on Saturday, May 29, 1993 for Janet Maria Vaughan, DBE, MA, DM, Hon DCL, FRS, FRCP.

Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith
For security reasons, anyone attending the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, tomorrow for the Service of Thanksgiving for Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith is advised to come by public transport.

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For the God who said, 'Out of darkness light shall shine', has caused his light to shine in our hearts, the light which is knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
2 Corinthians 4:6

BIRTHS

BAKER - On 21st April 1993, to Charlotte (née Simpson) and Oliver, a daughter, Amy Catherine Renée, a sister for Toby and Harriet.

BEVERLEY - Victoria (née Broackes) and Peter, a daughter Alice Florence in Paris on 23rd April 1993 at Hopital Franco Britannique 3 rue Barbes, 92300 Levallois, Perret, France.

BOTT - On April 24th, to Victoria (née Goodenough) and Richard, a son, Archie Frederick Arden, a brother for Patrick.

CHARLTON - On 22nd April, to Emma (née Clezy) and Alex, a daughter, Augusta Viva.

COLLINS-WALTERS - On Saturday April 17th 1993 at 3.00 am in St Thomas' Hospital, to Theresa and Christopher, the gift of a daughter, Sophie Cecilia.

CRISWELL - On April 25th at St Thomas' Hospital, to Coula (née Rowan Hamilton) and Michael, a daughter, Claudia.

GARDNER TURRELL - In Balochistan on 8th March, to Deborah and Nick, a daughter, Bathsheba Louise, a sister for Jacob and Delilah.

GOBLE - On April 16th, to Kate (née Dolan) and Timothy, a daughter, Alice Mary Lea.

HIGGINS - On April 24th, to Nicola and Andrew, a daughter, Venetia.

LOCHRANE - On April 22nd, to Frances (née Robinson) and Charles, a son, Henry, a brother for Effie and Alasdhair.

MITCHELL - On 21st April at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Alyson and Andrew, a son, Alexander William.

MORANT - On April 26th, to Jackie and Simon, a son.

PINNEGAR - On 15th April, to Anne-Noëlle (née Tamplin) and David, a son, Thomas Lyndon Aeneas, a brother for George.

SHELTON - On April 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Dorothy Farrell and Stanley Wade, a beautiful son, Benjamin Farrell, a brother for Lindsay.

TORRANCE - On April 23rd, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Lucinda (née Besly) and Tony, a daughter, Amabel Dinah.

TRINDER - On 23rd April 1993, to Karen (née Clegg) and Michael, a son, Alex Michael, a brother for Naomi.

WHITE - On 22nd April, to Susie (née Abrams) and Jonathan, a son, Charles Drummond Massy.

MARRIAGES

MacLAREN:McGRIGOR - The marriage took place on April 5th of Rory John MacLaren, son of Major David and Lady Edith MacLaren of Ard-darroch, Ardgour and Kirsty, daughter of Sir Charles and Lady McGrigor of Upper Sonachan, Dalmally, Argyll.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

ULLENDORFF - On 27th April 1943, Edward to Dina at the British Military Administration, Asmara, Eritrea.

DEATHS

ALEXANDER - On 24th April 1993, peacefully in hospital, Rear Admiral Robert (Robbie) Love Alexander C.B., D.S.O., D.S.C., aged 80. Adored husband of Peggy and much loved by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Cremation service at Chichester Crematorium on Friday 30th April at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at The Church of St Mary and St Gabriel, South Harting, on Thursday 27th May 1993 at 2.30 pm.

ALLIEVI - Suddenly at Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, on April 23rd 1993, Captain Alberto Allievi, beloved husband of Jutta, dear father of Giuseppe and Emma, a loving grandfather and caring friend of Karen, Martin, Grace, Graham and the many whose lives he touched. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh, Main Chapel, on Tuesday April 27 at 2 pm. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to British Heart Foundation, 48a Moray Place, Edinburgh.

BALLEINE - On 25th April 1993, suddenly in Jersey, C.I., Major George Balleine aged 72 years. Donations in memory may be sent to the R.N.L.I. (Jersey Appeal) c/o The Hon. Treasurer, PO Box 739, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. JE4 8ZZ. H.W. Maillard & Son Ltd. Funeral Directors, tel: (0534) 37291.

BLOTT - Catherine Mary (Kitty Diamond), adored wife of Ivor, beloved daughter of the late Charles and Minnie, loving sister of the late Frankie, Vincent and Leslie and a most affectionate aunt. Reception and Requiem Mass 10 am Thursday 29th April in RC Church of Christ the King, Thornaby, Cleveland, followed by interment at Thornaby Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu if so desired to John Butterwick Hospice, Stockton-on-Tees. Requiescat in Pace.

CARTMELL - On 24th April 1993, Adelaide Diana St Helens. Much loved by her friends. Funeral at Langham Parish Church at 11.30 am, Wednesday May 5th. No flowers but donations welcomed by the Parkinsons Disease Society c/o Fords of Oakham, 8 Church Street, Oakham, Leicestershire. LE15 6AA.

CAWTHROW - Arnold, on 24th April peacefully at Buckland Hospital, Dover, aged 79 years. Much loved and missed by all his friends. Cremation at Barham Crematorium, nr. Canterbury, on Tuesday 4th May at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Muscular Dystrophy, 7/11 Prescott Place, London SW4 6BS. Enquiries to E.B. Cavell, 26 Albert Road, Deal, Kent, tel: (0304) 373276.

DAVID - Richard William, aged 81, of Cambridge, on 25th April in Corsica. Husband of Nora and father of Nicholas, Sebastian, Teresa and Elizabeth.

DAVIES - On April 24th 1993 at home after a long illness bravely borne, Roy A.L. Davies B.Sc., F.I.Chem.E., F.R.S.C., (late of BP). Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Service at Guildford Crematorium on Friday April 30th at 3.30pm. Family flowers only by request, any enquiries to Robert Ayling Funeral Services, tel: (0483) 67333.

GODFREY - On 23rd April, Stanley aged 67, dearly loved and loving husband of Jilly, father, grandpa and brother. Now at peace after such a long brave fight. Funeral Service on Friday 30th April. Enquiries to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., tel: (081) 688-1447.

GOODALL - Digby, on April 23rd peacefully and suddenly at home in Portugal, formerly Barclays D.C. & O. aged 89, loving husband of Ruthe and father of Michael and Tracey. Private funeral in Portugal.

GOSNELL - On Friday 23rd April after a short illness, Group Captain Robert Jerram (Jerry) Gosnell DSO DFC. Dearly loved husband of Lois, father of Jerram, Richard, Simon and Nicholas and stepfather of Marina, Robin and Paul Dobson. Cremation (for families only at Harlow Crematorium at 12 noon on Friday 30th April. No flowers please, but donations in his memory may be sent to RAF Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London W1.

HAMILTON - On April 22nd, peacefully, Hilda Phyllis (Phyl), widow of Philip Hamilton, dear mother, grandmother, aunt, great-aunt, cousin and friend. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium, Bayswater Road, Headington, Friday April 30th at 2 pm. Family flowers preferred but donations may be sent to the Arthritis & Rheumatism Council for Research, PO Box 177, Chesterfield, S41 7TQ.

HAMPTON - On April 24th 1993, Philip George Hampton MC, lately of Sway, Hampshire. Father of Anne and George, grandfather of Charles, Venetia and David. Private funeral. No flowers please. Donations if wished to The Royal Artillery Charitable Fund c/o Diamond & Son, Funeral Directors, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, SO41 9DN. (Tel: 0590-672060).

HART - On 21st April 1993, at High Wycombe General Hospital, peacefully after a short illness, Thomas, aged 83 years. Husband of Felicity and father of Ernest and Stephen, Stepfather to Peter Graham-Brown. Funeral Service on Thursday 29th April 1993 at 11.30 am at the Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, Bucks. Funeral private, but a celebration of his life will be held in Colchester at a later date to be announced. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made if desired to the NSPCC or The Woodland Trust c/o Arnold Funeral Services, 911 London Road, Loudwater, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP10 9TF.

HAWKINS - On 23rd April 1993, Sir Humphry Hawkins, Bt., M.B., B.Ch., of Johannesburg, South Africa. Sadly missed by his wife Anita and children.

HUGHES - Stanley, on April 22nd, peacefully in Canterbury Hospital after a short illness borne with great courage. Geoffrey Nicol, on his 82nd birthday, much loved husband of Christine and beloved father of Kate, William and Geoffrey, grandfather of William and Emily. Private family cremation. No flowers, but donations, if wished to Shelter Walk for the Homeless, c/o John Kemp, Funeral Directors, 26 Harbour Street, Whitstable, Kent.

JACOB - On Saturday 24th April peacefully at home surrounded by his family Sir Ian Jacob, aged 93. Funeral at St Mary's, Woodbridge, at 2pm on Friday 30th April. Family flowers only: donations to Suffolk Red Cross c/o E.B. Button and Sons Ltd., 24 St John's Street, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 1EB.

LANE - Barbara Katharine, on 23rd April 1993, peacefully at Edenhall Hospice, Hampstead. Dear wife of the late Frank, much loved mother of John, Jean and Anne, grandmother of Mark and Simon. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Friday 30th April at 1.15 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Shelter.

LEAROYD - On April 24th peacefully in Worthing, Barbara Janet (Peggy), much loved wife of the late Philip and mother of Linda, Michael and Daphne. Cremation Service at Worthing Crematorium on Thursday 29th April at 12.40 pm. Any flowers to Worthing Crematorium.

LINEHAN - Brigid Mary, on 6th April 1993, fortified by the rites of Holy Mother Church, deeply mourned by Brian and Nancy and much loved by family and friends. Requiem and family funeral has taken place in London. Requiescant in Pace, Amen.

MALCOLMSON - On April 25th, peacefully after a short illness, Thelis, widow of Iain. Devoted mother of Euan, Colin, Merryn and Karen. A dearly loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Thanksgiving Service at Icomb Church on Friday 30th April at 2.30 pm. Donations in her memory, if desired, to Icomb Church c/o The Rectory, Bledington, Oxon. or RNLI, Princes Wharf, Wapping Road, Bristol. BS1 4RN.

MALIM - On April 22nd, suddenly in London, Christopher John Malim C.B.E. Dearly loved husband of Barbarie, much loved father of Adrian and Andrew, loving grandfather and stepfather. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Rotherfield Greys, Oxfordshire, on April 30th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Royal British Legion (Peppard Branch). A Thanksgiving Service to be arranged later.

MATHESON - Dr. William James M.D. FRCP DCH of Quenborough, Leicestershire on 23rd April 1993, quietly, as he lived. Beloved husband of Carol, devoted father of James. Funeral service and cremation at Loughborough (Leicestershire) Crematorium on Thursday 29th April at 12 noon. No flowers please, donations preferred to the Royal Naval Benevolent Society c/o Ginns & Gutteridge Funeral Directors of Leicester and Loughborough, tel: (0533) 816117 to whom all enquiries should be made.

MATTHEWS - On 23rd April 1993, Ian Stanley Gordon, born Salem, India, on 4th November 1912. Beloved husband of Veronica, much loved father of Anne and Hokey, dearest grandfather of Leila and Lavinia. Funeral at All Saints Church, Stock, Essex, on 5th May at 11.30am. No flowers please. Donations to Water Aid, 1 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9BT. Water Aid provides safe drinking water for rural communities in the Third World.

McFARLANE - (née Paterson) Margaret P., on 26th April, at home. Adored wife of Mac and mother of Fiona and Patricia, grandmother of Chris and Mark. Family funeral Friday 30th April. Friends invited to our home at 3.30 pm.

MEABY - On April 24th, peacefully in York District Hospital, Phyllis Irene. Private cremation service followed by a Memorial Service at St Philip and St James Church, Clifton, York, Thursday April 29th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, any donations to St Leonards Hospice and The Red Cross.

MONKHOUSE - On Friday 23rd April, after a long illness bravely borne, George Cosmo. Beloved husband of Constance Mary and father of Richard. Funeral Service at The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, on Wednesday 5th May at 11.30 am. Details of a Memorial Service will be announced later. Family flowers only, donations to The Chest, Heart & Stroke Association. All enquiries telephone: (0753) 891200

MONRO - On 21st April 1993, John (Jack) Kirkpatrick Monro M.Ch., F.R.C.S., aged 90 of Lukes, Marlborough. Beloved husband of Landon, much loved father of Jim and of Mary O'Dwyer and a devoted grandfather. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St George's Church, Preshute, Marlborough, on Saturday 15th May at 11.15 am.

ORMOND - On 22nd April, David, Beloved husband of Carrie and father of Charlotte, Tom, Kate and Rebecca. Funeral at Fitz Church on Friday 30th April at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only.

PAISH - On 24th April 1993, peacefully at home, Harold Philip Sydney, loved husband of Hilda, dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Poole Crematorium, Friday 30th April 1993, 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to R.N.L.I.

PARKER - On April 25th 1993, peacefully after a short illness in the Sloane Hospital, Beckenham. R. Derrick, beloved husband of the late Diana (Didy), dearest father of Philip, Alison and Sally and devoted grandfather to Mark, Nicola, Anna, Rosie, Arthur and Phoebe. Funeral Service at the Parish Church of St George, Beckenham, on Friday 30th April at 11 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the National Deaf Children's Society, 45 Hereford Road, London W2 5AH.

PEACOCK - Suddenly on April 23rd 1993 at her home, Mary Louise aged 46 years. The dearly loved wife of Jonathan, dearest mother of Rupert and Ruth, devoted daughter of the late Kitty and Stuart Rosher, a much loved daughter-in-law of Audrey and the late Roger Peacock, a very dear sister-in-law. Service and interment at St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Lytham, on Friday April 30th at 12.30 pm. All enquiries to M. Rawcliffe, tel: (0253) 735269.

PERCIVAL - On April 23rd 1993, peacefully in hospital, Margaret de Burgh, aged 84 years, of Gillingham, Dorset. Widow of Blyth de Burgh Percival. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Friday April 30th at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to Bracher Brothers Funeral Directors, Gillingham, Dorset, tel: (0747) 822494.

POTTS - On 25th April at home at Carlisle, H. Michael (Mick), beloved husband of the late Anne and father of Adrian, Clare, Simon and Matthew. Requiem Mass at St Bedes Church on Thursday 29th April at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Received into Church on Wednesday at 6pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to The British Heart Foundation, c/o Peter Hudson, 118 Wigton Road, Carlisle, CA2 7ES. R.I.P. "Old rocking chair's got me".

RHYS-JONES - William Gwyn (Bill) M.A., L.S.A., B.M., B.Ch., D.P.H. On April 22nd 1993 at his home in Clive, Shropshire. Beloved husband of Cara and brother of Elra. Public service at Clive Parish Church at 11.30am on Thursday April 29th, followed by private cremation service. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Clive Church Fabric Fund. Enquiries please to the Funeral Directors, W.R.R. Pugh & Son, tel: (0743) 344646.

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RUMSEY - Aubrey Leonard, suddenly on 21st April 1993, much loved husband of Mona, devoted father of Shirley, Anthony and his stepson, the late Richard Pollock, adored grandfather to Em, Lucetta, Sara, Victoria, Alicia, Milly, Leonora, Oliver, Rebecca and Hannah. The funeral will take place at Little Chesterford Parish Church on Friday 30th April at 11.30 am. Enquiries to H.J. Paintin Ltd., tel: (0223) 891226.

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SMITH - On Friday April 23rd 1993, at his daughter's home, Frederic Gordon C.B.E., M.A., F.I.A., late Government Actuaries Department and I.L.O. Dearly loved husband of Dora, dear father of Tony, Robyn, Tricia and Heather, and a much loved grandad and great-grandad. Passed peacefully away aged 82 years. Funeral Service at Emmanuel Church, Southill, Weymouth, on Friday April 30th at 1.15 pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but if desired donations at his request for The Trimar Hospice Appeal to J.W. Rose & Sons, 38 Shrubbery Lane, Wyke Regis, Weymouth DT4 9LY.

WHITCOMBE - On Thursday 22nd April 1993, peacefully at St George's Nursing Home, Cobham, Surrey. Edgar Vernon (Eggs), C.B.E., Officer of St John, dearly loved husband of Betty and father of Hugh and Jane, loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium, Compton, near Godalming, Surrey, on Friday 30th April 1993 at 2.30 pm. Family only. No flowers. Donations may be sent to St John Opthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem c/o 1 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EF.

WILLIAMS - On April 23rd, peacefully after a short illness in her 94th year, Bethea Helen (Betty), wife of the late Arthur De Coetlogon Williams C.S.I., C.I.E. Indian Civil Service. Dearly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service 1.40 pm Wednesday April 28th. Kernow Chapel, Penmount Crematorium. No flowers but donations if wished for British Retinitis Pigmentosa Society c/o Barclays Bank, St Mawes, Truro.

WILLIAMS - Bernard, died 24th April 1993 at home. He will be sadly missed by his beloved wife Brenda and his children Lis, Brandon, Joshua, Jonathan, Sarah, Christopher and Beverley. We will always love him.

WILMSHURST - On April 21st after a long illness bravely borne, Eveline (Eve) Vera, beloved wife of Bill, much loved mother of Graham and wife Sarah, nanna of Fleur and Jonathan, loved and sadly missed by family and many friends. Service on Thursday April 29th, St Paul's Church, Woldingham, Surrey at 3pm, followed by interment at St Agatha's and St Paul's Churchyard. Flowers to B.C. Baker & Sons, Caterham, Surrey, or donations to The Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, Harestone N.H., Harestone Drive, Caterham, Surrey. Enquiries to F.W. Chitty & Co. (0932) 840220

WORDSWORTH - On April 25th, in hospital, John Wordsworth aged 66 years, beloved husband of Sheila. Service at Croydon Crematorium on Friday April 30th at 12.15 pm. Flowers may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon.

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OBITUARIES

HUGH HUNT

Hugh Hunt, the theatre director and founding professor of drama at Manchester University, died on April 22 aged 81. He was born on September 25, 1911.



HUGH HUNT, who from the drama department at Manchester launched the careers of the playwright David Edgar and the film director Roland Joffe, will probably himself best be remembered for his productions, first at the Bristol Old Vic and then at the Old Vic itself between 1945 and 1953. To some it might appear as if his life in the theatre effectively came to an end forty years ago. But this he would certainly have denied — giving just as much value to his academic work among students as to the once-celebrated productions he put on the stage in his earlier years.

Hunt had an improbable background for someone whose life was devoted to drama. The son of Captain C. E. Hunt, MC, Indian Army, he was a younger brother of Lord Hunt, the leader of the successful British expedition to Mount Everest in 1953.

He was born at Camberley and educated at Marlborough and at Magdalen College, Oxford, where, as president of the OUDS, he directed a well received production of *King John*. He then went, on Sir Barry Jackson's advice, to work at the Maddermarket Theatre, Norwich, as assistant to Nugent Monck, and replaced Monck during the latter's absence in 1934.

He was next responsible for several productions at the Croydon Repertory Theatre and at the Westminster, and from 1935 until 1938 was producer to the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, where he put on over 30 new plays by Irish writers including Paul Vincent Carroll's *Shadow and Substance*. After directing the same author's *The White Steeds* in New York, he joined the Army, serving from 1939 until 1945 with the Scots Guards, the King's Royal Rifle Corps and the Special Forces.

His first postwar engagement was as director of the Old Vic Company at the Theatre Royal, Bristol, known from 1946 onwards as the Bristol Old Vic. His success there with such plays as *King Lear*, *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* and *Hamlet* led to his promotion to be director of the Old Vic Company at the New Theatre, London, where his opening production of *Love's Labour's Lost* in 1949 earned more praise than any other single piece of work in his career. It was as well that it did, for the *putsch* that had brought him to the Old Vic — involving, as it did, the removal of the directorial triumvirate of Laurence Olivier, Ralph Richardson and John Burrell — was by no means popular with the profession.

Another internal upheaval soon took place. Shortly after the Old Vic's return to its traditional playhouse in the Waterloo Road in 1950 Hunt's three co-directors, Michel Saint-Denis, Glen Byam Shaw and George Devine, all resigned. The company looked for the second time as if it was in crisis — only partially resolved when Tyrone Guthrie agreed to return as manager, and Hunt became administrative director. After a not very happy year he exchanged this post for that of artistic director. The ensuing season of 1952-1953, Hunt's last, during which he staged three of the plays and brought the Bristol Old Vic Company and the Birmingham Repertory Company to the Waterloo Road as guests, did something to restore the theatre's fortunes. No one could then have foreseen that this season would mark virtually the end of his career as a London theatre director.

Hunt adjudicated at the Canadian Drama Festival in 1954 and went to Australia in the following year as executive officer of the Elizabethan Theatre Trust. He there created the impression of being a new type of bureaucrat, a bureaucrat of the arts. In Australia he had the opportunity of planning seasons of opera and ballet as well as of drama. He launched the Australian Institute of Dramatic Art, and himself handled productions of *Medea* and *Hamlet* with Dame Judith Anderson and Paul Rogers, respectively, in the title roles.

In 1960 he resumed his career in Britain, though no longer quite at the centre. He directed a Welsh tour, sponsored by the Arts Council, of Peter Shaffer's *Five Finger Exercise* and at the small Arts Theatre in London produced Ronald Duncan's *Abelard and Heloise*. The invitation to go to Manchester in 1961 as the first professor of drama in only the second university drama department in the United Kingdom must, therefore, have come as something of a relief.

From the start he wanted to emphasise the practical study of drama through play production. He himself directed several classic texts with students including *Romeo and Juliet*, Ben Jonson's *Epicoene* and Chekhov's *Three Sisters*. He instigated the building of the Manchester University Theatre which opened in 1965 — not only for student productions but as a venue for professional companies. These included Century Theatre (1965-67), Theatre '69 (1968-72), which was to develop into the Manchester Royal Exchange Company and, from 1973, the Contact Theatre Company.

During these years Hunt continued to work with the Abbey Theatre. His 1976 production of Boucicault's *The Shaughran* was a landmark in the rediscovery of the 19th-century repertoire when it was presented at the world theatre season in 1968. This production stemmed directly from student work on the play supervised by Stephen Joseph who had been invited on to the staff to design a new drama studio. The creative and ideological tension between these two remarkable men made Manchester a very exciting department until Joseph's early death in 1967.

Hunt was also instrumental in getting the Polish director Jerzy Grotowski and his Theatre Laboratory to make their first highly successful international tour in 1969. This included performances of *The Constant Prince* in the Manchester drama department studio.

Hunt admirably defined his attitude towards his profession in lectures delivered at the universities of Bristol and Yale, published under the title *The Director in the Theatre* (1954). In *Old Vic Prefaces: Shakespeare and the Producer*, published in the same year, he set forth less impressively his ideas on the treatment of eight plays as originally given to the actual companies.

He wrote, some of them jointly with Frank O'Connor, a number of plays during his term of office at the Abbey Theatre, of which he also produced a history, *The Abbey, Ireland's National Theatre* (1979).

Hunt married Janet Mary Gordon in 1940. She, and a son and a daughter, Caroline, who is an actress, survive him.

JOHN SKRINE

John Skrine, CBE, MC, Malaysian lawyer, died in Ireland on April 13 aged 70. He was born in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on July 2, 1922



BORN in Malaysia, John Sholto Herries Skrine was educated at Uppingham, and followed his father, a senior partner in the legal firm of Bannon and Bailey, into the legal profession. He spent two years in Chambers before the outbreak of the second world war, then joined the Seventh Hussars and served in the Lebanon and Italy, where he won the MC. At the end of the war, he completed his legal training and returned to Kuala Lumpur to join his father's firm.

A collapsed lung incurred as a result of an accident while playing rugby led to his return to the UK in 1951, with the recommendation that he should not live in a tropical climate. Undeterred, he returned shortly thereafter, and the following year married at St Mary's Church, Kuala Lumpur, Helen Boxwell, from an old Anglo-Irish family in County Wexford.

By 1957 he had made sufficient of a legal reputation that he was informed unofficially by the Attorney General that, whatever regulations were brought in against non-citizens in the newly independent Federation of Malaya, he would always be allowed to practise.

In 1962 he set up with three colleagues his own legal practice, Skrine and Co., which rapidly grew to be one of the largest in the country. An extremely professional operation, Skrine and his partners were also keen to take Malaysians into the firm at a time when this was not always the case with British firms.

He developed an unrivalled network of contacts among Malaysians of all political persuasions and was able to count among his partners, Tun Hussein Onn who later became prime minister, and the Puthucheary brothers who were for many years banned in Singapore for their alleged left-wing political affiliations, and the sons of the first Malaysian minister of finance, Tun Sir Henry Lee.

During the 1970s, he was involved in the Malaysianisation of London-based tin mining and estate companies in compliance with the Malaysian government's New Economic Policy. It was a sign of his integrity that he was regarded as a trusted friend by both the Malaysians and the board members of the British-based companies for which he acted. For this work he was appointed CBE in 1982.

Even after he ceased to be senior partner in 1990, he continued, up to the time of his death, to be retained by Malaysian government agencies for assistance in establishing unit trust schemes to facilitate greater Malay participation in the economy of the country.

He was throughout his life a keen horseman, prominent in racing and polo circles in the Peninsula. At the time of the ceremonial parade in Kuala Lumpur to celebrate Independence, it was suddenly found that an extra Bajau horseman was needed. None was available, so John Skrine participated, dressed in Bajau costume.

He succeeded his father in becoming chairman of the Pudu English Girls School — a post he held many years. He also performed more basic social work. Regularly on Sunday mornings he could be observed weeding and planting in the garden of the Little Sisters of the Poor, an old people's home outside Kuala Lumpur.

After his official retirement he became increasingly involved in environmental issues, both through the Malayan Nature Society and the World Wildlife Fund.

At his wife's family home in Butlerstown, Co. Wexford, he devoted enormous energy to maintaining the fabric of one of the finest surviving 16th-century tower houses in the country.

Charm, consummate tact and a discretion, only to be expected in a lawyer, were his distinguishing characteristics.

He is survived by his wife Helen and five daughters.

SIR VINCENT FAIRFAX

Sir Vincent Fairfax, CMG, Australian farmer and newspaper director, died on April 12 aged 83. He was born on December 26, 1909.



ALTHOUGH not belonging to the mainline branch of the family, Vincent Fairfax played a valuable, if unostentatious, role in the affairs of what rated for some years as Australia's leading newspaper dynasty. He took an especial interest in the family's flagship paper, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, of which he was a director for almost forty years — until the disastrous buy-out by the 27-year-old Warwick Fairfax Jr in 1987. Thereafter, along with the rest of the family, he severed his connections with the paper, which is now controlled by Conrad Black, owner of *The Daily Telegraph*.

For most of the time he sat on the board Vincent Fairfax had little option but to play second fiddle to his cousin, Sir Warwick Fairfax, who ruled over the company as chairman for 20 years. Totally different in outlook and style, the two men nonetheless managed to get on — at least until the moment in 1976 when the younger Fairfax joined in a boardroom coup which removed his by then 75-year-old cousin from the chairmanship.

Their backgrounds were remarkably similar. Indeed, Vincent Fairfax followed in his cousin's footsteps by going first to Geelong Grammar School — sometimes called "the Eton of Australia" — and then to Oxford where, at Brasenose, he read law and rowed in the college eight.

On returning to Australia, he immediately enrolled in the family firm, at first humbly as a space salesman. But by 1936 he was already advertising manager at *The Sydney Morning Herald* and in 1938 came back to Britain to take charge of the company's London office. The war interrupted what was beginning to look like a relentless career rise but, once demobbed, Fairfax took over his father's seat on the board of John Fairfax and Sons. Paradoxically, this had the effect of making him only a part-time newspaperman, since active control of the company rested elsewhere in the family.

His contribution was to bring a sense of perspective and balance to boardroom discussions — a contribution that owed much to his outside activities. These were considerable: he was chairman of the Australian section of the Commonwealth Press Union from 1950 to 1973 and in the 1960s even served a five-year term as a director of *The Times*.

But his outside interests were by no means only press ones. In the world of voluntary organisations he played an active role in the Australian Boy Scout movement being chief scout between 1969 and 1973, was a strong supporter of Outward Bound and a generous benefactor to the Salvation Army. A countryman at heart, he was the opposite of the stereotype of the brash, noisy Australian and most of the good that he did was done by stealth.

To the various editors of the Fairfax publications he could be something of a trial. He never attempted to disguise the essential conservatism of his convictions (typically, he saw nothing wrong in an Australian citizen accepting British honours: he was appointed a CMG in 1960 and knighted in 1971. His instinctive reaction to change was usually to oppose it and he increasingly saw himself as fighting a lonely battle against declining standards both of language and of conduct.

But then he was very much the child of his own Anglophile generation — something that he demonstrated by marrying an English wife who survives him together with two sons and two daughters.

CESAR CHAVEZ

Cesar Chavez, the Mexican-American labour leader who founded the United Farm Workers union in the United States, died on April 23 aged 66. He was born near Yuma, Arizona, on March 31, 1927.



IN THE 1960s Cesar Chavez achieved national celebrity in the US when he led the country's first grape-picking boycott in protest against the Third World conditions in which Mexican workers toiled in California's massive "agri-business." At its height, his inspired leadership, which earned him the nickname the "American Gandhi", raised the United Farm Workers union's membership to 100,000

In 1965 the average Mexican farm worker had an annual wage of $1,350 — less than half the official US poverty-level. "The idea prevails," Chavez once observed, "that farm workers are a different breed of people — humble, happy, built close to the ground." In a campaign which pricked the conscience of the nation and became a human rights *cause célèbre*, he set out to rectify this image and the abuse of cheap immigrant labour in California.

During the Depression Chavez's family had lost their 100-acre ranch with its adobe house. The homeless family took to the highways and joined the migrant bands of "stoop labour" immortalised in John Steinbeck's novel, *The Grapes of Wrath*.

From the age of ten Chavez worked in the fields beside his family. As a migrant child, he attended more than 30 different schools and emerged barely literate. In 1962 he founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers of America (UFW). By 1965, from the small grape-growing town of Delano, California, Chavez had organised local grape pickers into the first successful American farm workers' strike.

Despite the disapproval of traditional union organisers, Chavez courted civil rights groups and radical student activists from the universities of Stanford and Berkeley, as well as liberal sections of the American press. When a pastor from the California Migrant Ministry, ten strikers and Chavez himself were all arrested by local sheriffs, stripped naked and chained together, the public was outraged by the incident.

In 1967 California's largest winery, Ernesto and Julio Gallo, agreed to proper contracts with the UFW and other growers followed suit.

There was an equally bitter dispute with with table grape-growers. Chavez persuaded liberal Americans (his great supporter was Senator Robert Kennedy) to stop eating Californian grapes and, when the boycott began to cost them 20 per cent of their market, the growers dug in their heels. The union became impatient; tempers flared and packing sheds were burnt.

Troubled by the increasing violence, Chavez began a 25-day fast, as an act of penance he said "to recall farm workers to the non-violent roots of their movement". The fast unified the Mexican farm workers firmly behind him and it ended with a Mass celebrated by 6,000 supporters in Delano Park, with a severely weakened but triumphant Chavez taking Communion with Robert Kennedy at his side. In 1970 the table grape-growers signed contracts affecting 85 per cent of grape harvesting.

The decade of the 1970s was the UFW's apogee; in 1975 California passed legislation giving all workers (including Mexicans working illegally) the right to trade union representation. But by the mid-1980s its membership had declined to a fifth of its 100,000 peak and its position had been seriously eroded. Nevertheless Chavez continued to campaign for workers' rights and against the wanton use of poisonous pesticides.

Chavez is survived by his wife, Helen, and eight children.

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THE KING AND QUEEN IN SICILY

PALERMO, April 26.

King Edward, Queen Alexandra, and Princess Victoria landed from the Victoria and Albert at 11.40 this morning. Their Majesties were greeted by an enormous crowd which had gathered in the harbour. The people were freely allowed to approach the Royal party. There was much cheering, and cries of "Long Live King Edward" were raised. His Majesty, who looked extremely well, repeatedly smiled and raised his hat in acknowledgement of the popular greetings.

NEWS

Bomb warning given on Friday

■ Police throughout the country were given a warning on Friday evening that a major bombing was imminent, but the Special Branch tip failed to prevent the attack that devastated the City of London the next morning.

Forces all over the country went on alert, and security was stepped up after Special Branch told senior officers that it did not know where or when to expect the attack. In the City, VIPs were re-routed and checkpoints set up ..... **Pages 1, 2, 3, 19**

Hospital surgery 'a lottery'

■ Figures obtained by *The Times* show that death rates following general surgery across the 192 health districts in England vary up to sixfold, raising questions about the quality of care provided by some hospitals ..... **Pages 1, 9**

Recession is over

John Major last night hailed the official end of the longest recession since the 1930s by saying the pendulum was swinging towards growth and British industry was facing unparalleled opportunities. He made his forecast after the publication of figures showing that the economy returned to growth in the first quarter..... **Pages 1, 19, 23**

US sanctions

President Clinton last night froze Yugoslav assets in the US and imposed harsh sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro. But he seems to be heading for a clash with Europe over bombing Serb targets ..... **Pages 1, 12**

Yeltsin triumphs

President Yeltsin won the Russian referendum with 60 per cent of those voting backing his leadership. But his opponents said they would carry on the struggle and that the vote would only deepen divisions ... **Page 14**

Bribes pair jailed

Two men who bribed senior staff at BP to disclose information about North Sea oil contracts worth £100 million were each jailed for three years yesterday..... **Page 5**

Extradition ordered

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, yesterday ordered the extradition of two British women to the United States where they face charges of plotting to murder a state attorney..... **Page 5**

Holidays at risk

Thousands of British holidaymakers could be stranded abroad this year if their tour operator goes out of business because the government has "botched" the introduction of EC legislation, travel agents were told..... **Page 8**

Sprucing the image

The Foreign Office is determined to change the British diplomatic service's gold braid and gin and tonic image and put more emphasis on how the service boosts trade and maintains the UK's influence..... **Page 7**

Hurd upsets sceptics

Douglas Hurd's remarks that Britain might seek another arrangement on European union if the Danes vote "no" again on Maastricht has provoked a flurry of comment in Copenhagen and an angry reaction from Tory Euro-sceptics at Westminster ..... **Page 12**

Italian PM named

Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the governor of the national bank, has been invited to become Italy's prime minister and is trying to put together a non-partisan administration to oversee electoral and economic reform ... **Page 13**

Protesters shelled

With Middle East peace talks about to begin again today in Washington, exiled Palestinians were halted by Israeli shells as they marched in protest against the resumption..... **Page 15**

Arrest stuns Indian film world

The arrest of Sanjay Dutt, India's leading film star, has brought the country's film-making industry in Bombay almost to a standstill. Dutt, who is charged with illegal possession of weapons, was working simultaneously on 12 films. Since his arrest last week, all his films have been withdrawn ..... **Page 15**



Front line: a British soldier recoils from a burning Croat house bombed by Muslims in a central Bosnian village. Pages 1 and 12

BUSINESS

City safety: Vehicle checkpoints might be necessary to protect the Square Mile as the financial centre of Europe, police and City insiders warned yesterday..... **Page 23**

Tactful Major: The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) escaped strong criticism over spending on its opulent headquarters when John Major opened its annual meeting in Westminster yesterday.....**PPage 25**

Markets: The FTSE drifted down 21.5 to 2,822.3 when less than 500 million shares changed hands. Drug companies were marked down as doctors were told by Boots to prescribe less of a heart failure drug ..... **Page 26**

SPORT

Football: Brian Clough, one of football's most colourful characters, is to retire as manager of Nottingham Forest at the end of the season. The club he led to two European Cup triumphs is in danger of relegation..... **Pages 42, 44**

Cricket: There will be no "trial by television" during this summer's matches between England and Australia. The system of a third umpire studying video recordings and then adjudicating on close run out and stumping decisions will not operate during the Ashes series ..... **Page 44**

Football: Paul Gascoigne is almost certain to play for England against Holland tomorrow ..... **Page 44**

FEATURES

Freedom of choice: The battles about abortion and euthanasia are this century's equivalent of the 17th-century wars of religion, Ronald Dworkin writes..... **Page 16**

BODY AND MIND

Geriatric surgery: Under the reforms, health administrators will have to make clear that there is a point where age is a barrier to treatment..... **Page 17**

LAW

Sex in court: Romance can pose interesting questions of law and professional ethics for the conscientious lawyer ..... **Page 31**

ARTS

Sixties revisited: In the mid-sixties Britain produced some 75 feature films a year, ranging from work by Norman Wisdom to Nicolas Roeg. In "Blow-Up: the sixties film scene in London", the Barbican is presenting a fortnight-long retrospective..... **Page 35**

Globe inaugurated: With a production in German of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, Sam Wanamaker's reconstruction of Shakespeare's Globe theatre is launched..... **Page 36**

Victorians abroad: The British Council is taking an exhibition of Victorian painting and photography on a tour to Germany and Spain..... **Page 37**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Norman Willis, TUC general secretary since 1984, has announced that he is to step down later this year. His deputy is favourite to succeed
Page 7



Ann Winterton, the Tory MP, who yesterday joined 49 others in calling for a review of the principles behind the Abortion Act
Page 7



Steve Davis went out of the Embassy world snooker championships in Sheffield yesterday after losing 13-11 to Alan McManus
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

Overture and beginners

■ English National Opera, millions of pounds in the red, announces a new season under new artistic and musical management. Can the Coliseum's fortunes be revived?

Bridge of opportunities

■ A second crossing should remove the six-mile tailbacks over the Severn bridge. But there are other, wider benefits, particularly for property owners

Future in the balance

■ As speculation over the sale of the Observer mounts, Media looks at the options

TV LISTINGS

Ernie Wise talks confidently about life without Eric Morecambe in *40 Minutes's The Importance of Being Ernie* (BBC2 9.50pm)..... **Page 43**

OPINION

Truth and recovery

After two and a half years of virtually uninterrupted economic decline, the recession is over and John Major looks happier. He probably is happier. But his authority with the people of Britain has not been automatically re-established by an announced increase of 0.6 per cent in non-oil gross domestic product ..... **Page 19**

Yeltsin's day

Mr Yeltsin has promised "tough, firm measures" and has a mandate to face down the hardliners. But the institutional odds against him are still formidable. In helping where it can to reduce those odds the West, too, has promises to keep. **Page 19**

Ethelburga rising

Any old building, like any old person, is the continual aggregation of its experience and renovations. St Ethelburga's should be rebuilt — for itself and as a symbol of the continuity of London against its would-be destroyers..... **Page 19**

COLUMNS

CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN

The Americans who made up the Taoiseach's audience last week have a clear idea of Northern Ireland, which visitors from Ireland disturb at their peril. The people responsible for all the troubles in Northern Ireland are the British occupying forces. There are no such people as Ulster Protestants or Unionists ..... **Page 18**

BERNARD LEVIN

There have been, throughout the centuries, envoys who have refused to serve tyrants. These honourable men ran risks in breaking with evil: some were caught, to face a terrible vengeance..... **Page 18**

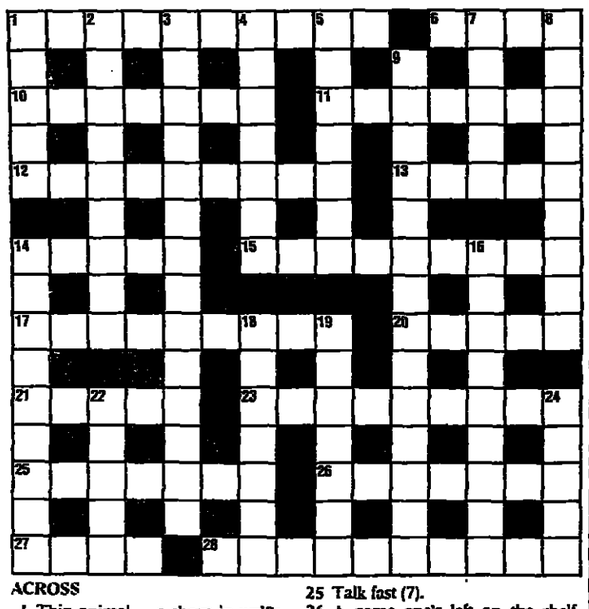
LETTERS

John Gummer and others on their personal attitudes to the crisis within the Anglican Church ... **Page 19**

THE PEOPLE

The Middle East peace talks that resume in Washington tomorrow won't matter much unless they can extricate themselves from the stalemate of the last 18 months. That's possible only if the participants are willing to take real risks for peace
The New York Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,215



ACROSS

1 Thin animal — a sheep in wolf's clothing? (5,5).
6 War spoils the planet (4).
10 King portrayed in oils, in cooking a roast (7).
11 Law perhaps curtailed first showing of film (7).
12 A name for McGonagall? Try Hermes, possibly (3).
13 Drink wallop (5).
14 Felicity needs about one pound two shillings (5).
15 The way river attracts fisherman, he's a killer (9).
17 *Begin shortly to share out the work* (9).
20 Island's turned black (5).
21 Daughter keen to be a harpist (5).
23 Grant I had, amongst women soldiers once, some female supporters (9).
25 Talk fast (7).
26 A game one's left on the shelf (3,4).
27 Ultimately the numbers 7 + 5 + 4 + 2 make 5 (4).
28 No tower of strength, this destitute royal in want (6,4).

DOWN

1 A model question (5).
2 Official policy formulated by person with glib talk (5,4).
3 Chicken order is held and processed (5,6,3).
4 Fires began — soldier stood up (7).
5 Ruler overthrown by agent infiltrating the capital (7).
7 Maiden's taken off bad dress (5).
8 Cleaner in rush for extra money (9).
9 Carry on practising, being keen — had pension adjusted (4,4,4,2).
14 Brachycephalic vegetable? (5,4).
16 Put some oil in blue car — it's broken down (9).
18 Popular student, we hear, has some bite (7).
19 Famous for turkeys and not people (7).
22 Asp given by somebody to queen of old (5).
24 Was partisan part of this? I deduce so (5).

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WEATHER

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ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

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Locarno	11	52	r	Warsaw	25	77	s
London	11	52	r	Wash'ton*	23	73	s
L Angels*	23	73	s	Wel'nton	14	57	c
Luxemburg	18	64	s	Zurich	19	66	f
Luxor	31	88	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6pm, 73 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.12in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,011.5 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Torquay, Devon, and Northolt, west London, 19C (61F), lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Dishforth, North Yorkshire, 0.83in; highest sunshine: Plymouth, Devon, 12.5hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F), min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.8hr

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain, 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.4hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

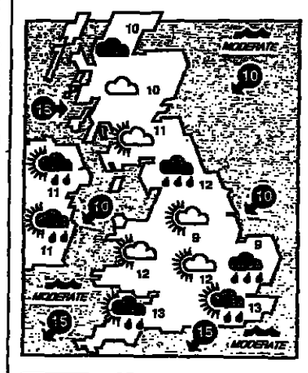
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.0	0.02	9	48	rain
Anglesey	2.1	0.08	10	50	rain
Aviemore	1.1	0.02	9	48	drizzle
Belfast	4.6	0.01	13	55	rain
Birmingham	0.1	0.32	13	55	shower
Bognor Regis	4.5	0.03	15	59	bright
Bournemouth	5.4	-	15	59	bright
Bristol	2.4	0.09	14	57	rain
Buxton	-	0.39	12	54	dull
Cardiff	3.9	0.19	14	57	rain
Clacton	3.0	0.78	13	55	bright
Colwyn Bay	0.5	0.21	9	48	rain
Edinburgh	-	0.39	9	48	rain
Eskdalemuir	1.6	0.50	8	46	rain
Exmouth	6.6	-	15	59	sunny
Falmouth	10.1	-	15	59	sunny
Folkestone	3.0	0.65	12	54	bright
Glasgow	0.2	0.22	11	52	rain
Guernsey	9.7	-	13	55	sunny
Hastings	3.1	0.46	13	55	bright
Hurstanton	-	0.68	11	52	dull
Isle of Man	2.0	0.06	11	52	rain
Jersey	7.8	0.03	15	59	sunny
Kinloss	0.9	-	9	48	cloudy
Leeds	0.3	0.76	9	48	drizzle
Lerwick	2.2	-	7	45	cloudy
Littlehampton	3.6	0.02	14	57	bright
Liverpool	0.6	0.19	9	48	rain
London	1.2	0.24	16	61	rain
Lowestoft	4.2	0.30	14	57	bright
Manchester	-	0.21	11	52	rain
Margate	3.5	0.70	14	57	bright
Minehead	6.1	0.08	14	57	thunder
Morecambe	0.4	0.24	10	50	rain
Newcastle	-	0.54	9	48	rain
Nottingham	-	0.66	10	50	rain
Penzance	12.0	-	15	59	sunny
Plymouth	12.5	-	16	61	sunny
Poole	4.9	0.01	15	59	bright
Salcombe	8.7	-	15	59	sunny
Sandown	3.3	0.09	15	59	cloudy
Saunton Snd	7.2	-	14	57	sunny
Scarborough	-	0.78	10	50	fog
Scilly Isles	12.0	-	15	59	sunny
Shanklin	3.9	0.27	14	57	cloudy
Southend	3.5	0.54	14	57	bright
Stornoway	0.7	-	8	46	dull
Swanage	3.1	-	15	59	cloudy
Teignmouth	8.1	-	16	61	sunny
Tenby	6.2	-	13	55	sunny
Tiree	7.1	-	14	57	sunny
Torquay	10.7	-	16	61	sunny
Weymouth	7.4	-	15	59	sunny
Worthing	3.8	0.02	14	57	bright

TOURIST RATES

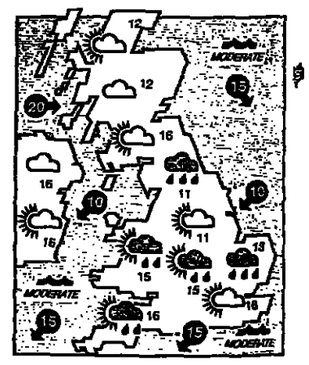
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.31	2.11
Austria Sch	18.60	17.10
Belgium Fr	54.50	50.10
Canada $	2.12	1.96
Denmark Kr	10.21	9.41
Finland Mkk	9.16	8.36
France Fr	8.92	8.22
Germany Dm	2.64	2.44
Greece Dr	355.00	330.00
Hong Kong $	12.95	11.95
Ireland Pt	1.075	0.995
Italy Lira	2420.00	2275.00
Japan Yen	193.50	175.50
Netherlands Gld	2.97	2.74
Norway Kr	11.15	10.35
Portugal Esc	243.00	225.00
South Africa Rd	5.90	5.20
Spain Pta	190.50	177.50
Sweden Kr	12.02	11.22
Switzerland Fr	2.38	2.20
Turkey Lira	15800.0	14900.0
USA $	1.59	1.56

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

6AM



NOON



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.47 pm to 5.10 am
Bristol 8.57 pm to 5.30 am
Edinburgh 9.14 pm to 5.08 am
Manchester 9.02 pm to 5.13 am
Penzance 9.05 pm to 5.36 am

Sun rises: 5.40 am
Sun sets: 8.17 pm
Moon rises 9.26 am
Moon sets 12.59 am
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Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

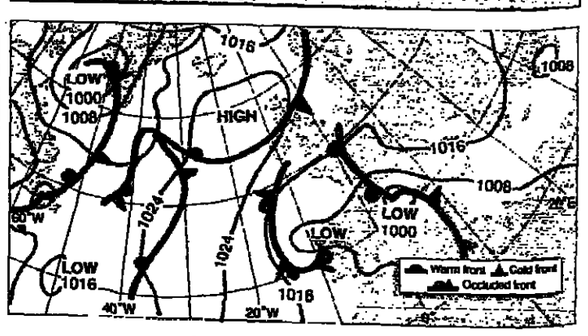
Temperatures at midday yesterday c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	10	50	c	Guernsey	11	52	f
B'mngham	10	50	c	Inverness	8	46	c
Blackpool	15	59	f	Jersey	15	59	s
Bristol	10	50	d	London	11	52	f
Cardiff	11	52	r	M'chester	15	59	s
Edinburgh	7	45	c	Newcastle	8	46	c
Glasgow	10	50	c	R'nldsway	11	52	f

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.48	6.9	6.04	6.7	Liverpool	2.57	8.6	3.25	9.4
Aberdeen	5.13	3.8	5.55	3.8	Lowestoft	1.20	2.2	1.31	2.2
Avonmouth	11.13	11.6	11.28	11.6	Margate	3.50	4.6	4.08	4.5
Belfast	2.57	3.3	3.23	3.1	Milford Haven	10.17	6.0	10.36	6.1
Cardiff	10.58	10.8	11.13	10.8	Newquay	9.10	6.1	9.29	3.4
Devonport	9.48	4.7	10.03	4.8	Oban	9.28	3.2	9.50	3.4
Dover	2.30	6.1	2.59	6.0	Penzance	8.54	4.7	9.10	4.8
Falmouth	9.18	4.5	9.33	4.6	Portland	10.39	1.6	10.46	1.7
Glasgow	4.40	4.6	5.06	4.1	Portsmouth	3.04	4.3	3.42	4.3
Harwich	3.40	3.7	3.54	3.6	Shoreham	2.46	5.6	3.18	5.5
Holyhead	2.07	5.1	2.37	4.9	Southampton	2.39	4.2	3.15	4.1
Hull	10.12	6.6	10.48	6.5	Swansea	10.19	8.3	10.36	8.3
Ilfracombe	9.58	8.0	10.14	8.0	Tees	7.45	4.8	8.20	4.7
King's Lynn	10.19	5.9	10.54	5.6	W'ton-on-Nze	3.33	3.9	3.47	3.8
Leith	6.40	4.8	7.19	4.7					

NOON TODAY



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Lower dose



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Higher gold

Gold rose above $350 an ounce for the first time in more than a year after George Soros and Sir James Goldsmith committed fresh funds to the sector
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Bubbly



Champagne flowed among the 1,000 workers at Leyland DAF Vans after the £40 million buyout of Birmingham plant was completed
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Brickbat

John Major handed out polite praise and a polite rebuke to Jacques Attali, the president of the EBRD, at yesterday's annual meeting
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THE POUND

US $ .....1.5932 (+0.0167)
German mark..2.4977 (+0.0053)
Exchange index.....81.5 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2822.3 (-21.5)
Dow Jones ...3420.52 (+6.75)*
Nikkei Avg.....19623.63 (-80.52)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 6%
3-month Interbank 6⅛-6%
US Federal Funds 3⅛%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.89-2.87%*
Long Bond 6.82%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	....1.5900*	£:$	.....1.5895
$:DM	.1.5675*	£:DM	...2.4908
$:SWfr	.1.4165*	£:SWfr	...2.2528
$:Ffr	..5.2963*	£:Ffr	....8.4200
$:Yen	.110.38*	£:Yen	...175.28
£:SDR	..1.0994	£:ECU	..1.2797

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 348.55 ..... PM 349.25
Close 350.50-351.00
New York:
Comex 351.75-352.25*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI.....139.3 March (1.9%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Recession is declared officially at an end

By Janet Bush and Philip Bassett

BRITAIN officially emerged from the longest recession since the 1930s in the first three months of this year with what appears to have been a healthy contribution from both manufacturing industry and the services sector.

Preliminary estimates showed gross domestic product ahead by 0.2 per cent in the first quarter compared with the previous three months and 0.6 per cent higher than a year ago. There was a rise of 0.6 per cent, compared with the previous quarter, in the onshore economy, excluding erratic oil and gas production. Non-oil GDP was also 0.6 per cent higher than a year ago.

Yesterday's figures from the Central Statistical Office were published about a month earlier than usual and were preliminary in nature. The CSO chose to publish detailed figures only for the distribution, hotels and catering sector of the economy, which was up 1.1 per cent from the previous quarter. However, the CSO said it was confident in the accuracy of its estimates of total GDP and non-oil GDP.

Yesterday's coincidence of positive figures for both measures of economic growth, coupled by extensive anecdotal, survey and statistical evidence of an upturn in a broad range of economic indicators, finally allowed the Treasury confidently to declare the recession over.



Sound of spring: John Major heard good news about the UK economy while at the EBRD meeting, report page 25

The downturn lasted for eight quarters, longer than the seven quarters from peak to trough measured in the early 1980s recession, but was shallower. During this recession, output has fallen by 3.9 per cent compared with a 5.5 per cent fall last time.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, hailed recovery on a broad front. Although there were no updated figures for manufacturing industry, it is clear from healthy output rises in January and February that the sector has made a key contribution. Ian Shepherdson, of Midland Global Markets, estimates that manufacturing output may have risen by 2 per cent in the first quarter of this year.

The CSO estimated yesterday that the service sector had grown by 0.5 per cent compared with the last three months of 1992 and was 0.8 per cent up on a year ago. Robert Lind, of UBS, said these figures were consistent with recent labour-market data that showed growth in service-sector employment in the final quarter of 1992.

Yesterday's confirmation that the recovery is now underway was accompanied by an upbeat survey from the Institute of Directors that found business confidence at a four-year high. But although there was evidence for the first time of actual strong growth in company performance, two thirds of directors said employment levels would remain the same or fall over the next six months.

The CSO sounded a note of caution about the prospects for recovery, pointing to an erratic performance in quarterly GDP in the early stages of recovery from previous recessions. Geoff Reed, the statistician in charge of GDP figures, said: "We are not seeing a decisive jumping out of recession this time around." In comparison, the early 1980s recession saw two quarters of stronger GDP growth than has been seen in the first quarter in 1993 but the economy still slid back before rising again and flattening out.

Sterling ended firmer yesterday at 81.5 on its trade-weighted index compared with 81.2 at Friday's close.

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'Walled City' mooted to thwart the terrorists

By George Sivell, City Editor

LEADING City figures yesterday reviewed security in the Square Mile and the impact on London's long-term financial standing in the wake of Saturday's Bishopsgate bomb. The chairman of one of the worst affected banks said the explosion harmed London's chances of being chosen as the site of the European central bank.

In private, there is talk about a "walled city" approach to security, with access through a small number of "gates" and control by security discs. City leaders are mindful, though, of the impact this would have on the financial community.

Sir William Purves, chairman of HSBC, whose building in Bishopsgate might have to be demolished, told the BBC that London would remain for a long time the world's main financial city. "Large financial institutions such as my own group will undoubtedly want to be there and will remain there."

He added, however: "I would have thought, when Europe is deciding where its central bank is going to be . . . security and transport are difficulties which are going to count against London when many other things should be favouring London."

Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, the chairman of the Stock Exchange, said it was necessary to find "some way of restricting the number of people coming into the City" in the wake of the Bishopsgate bomb. This is made difficult by the need for traffic heading east to pass through some part of the City.

Owen Kelly, the City of London police commissioner, said permanent vehicle checkpoints might have to be set up in the Square Mile to beat the terrorists. The law would have to be changed first.

One response to last year's St Mary Axe bomb was Operation Rolling Rock, in which armed police set up road blocks.

Senior City figures took this a stage further yesterday, talking of a "walled city" in which entrance to both vehicles and buildings would be strictly limited to certain entry points and possible only by using security tokens or identity discs.

They believe that turning a substantial part of the City into a pedestrian zone would have the benefit of reducing the number of vehicles in the Square Mile, and limiting the size of bomb that could be set off.

Michael Cassidy, the City Corporation's chief of policy and planning, said a car-free zone was an option, but added that the corporation would be reluctant to go that far. He added that the corporation would have to examine what, in a free society, could be tolerated in the way of increased surveillance and checks.

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Technology limits bomb disruption

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

MANY customers of City firms made homeless by the Bishopsgate bomb could telephone their brokers and bankers yesterday, often using the same number as before. Companies could also access computerised customer accounts as well as international share, bond and foreign exchange services, despite their computer systems having been apparently ravaged by the blast.

Modern, computerised, digital exchanges and a practice known as disaster recovery made the return to almost normal working possible.

Martin Gray, chief executive of NatWest's UK branch business, said yesterday that the bank's computers for clearing, payment and other services were mainly outside London. Once personal computers and telephones had been installed, staff linked into these from new offices in the City and could continue to work.

A spokesman for BT said that a customer may believe they were calling the company's usual office, but were also in contact with the new dealing rooms or banking hall, which could be in another town or country.

A spokeswoman for Mercury Communications said yesterday that within hours of the bomb, some alternative premises had their number of extension lines upgraded by 100 by reprogramming the network.

This is made possible by fibre optic cables that allow the network to take on an increased capacity, squeezing more calls into the same space, with only a minimal diminution in service.

Back up generators at at least six exchanges also kicked into action after power supplies were disrupted.

Some smaller companies give storage mediums to an employee to look after at home over the weekend.

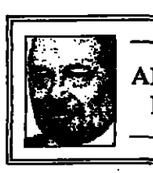
Yesterday, tapes were delivered and floppy discs brought to work, allowing companies to resume operations as normal.

Despite these kinds of contigency plans, it is likely that some companies will have lost data, which could cost them considerable amounts of money.

Meanwhile, some smaller firms may have no disaster recovery scheme in place or off-site storage. For such companies, the bomb may have destroyed all their records and possibly their livelihoods.

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Big bangs and other threats to the City



ANTHONY HARRIS

The unruffled performance of the City yesterday was admirable; but it should have surprised nobody but the IRA. The days when wealth was stored in vaults and paper records, or even mainframes, should be long past. If the Stock Exchange had not made such a mess of Taurus, there might, in theory, have been one Achilles' heel — though not, it is to be hoped, in practice. The back-up and redundancy built in to any sensible computer system to guard against electronic gremlins should be able to handle the bombing brigade, too. The marble halls so loved by bankers — such as Jacques Attali — are now little more than provocative symbols, which attract Irish bombers to London and Middle East terrorists to New York.

The real business could be done in a disused garage, provided there were some good restaurants at hand. As things are, the Taurus mess is probably much more of a threat to London's status than Saturday's explosion. So, for that matter, are the present regulatory mess, the Bank of England's fumbling supervision of BCCI (for which it may yet have to answer in a court of law), and the absurd insider-trading law now going to its report stage, where it may be amended back into the real world thanks to the Labour party, of all people.

The burden on taxpayers remains, and will cause a lot of long faces in the Treasury; but again, it is easy to exaggerate the damage. To the man in the street, once he is allowed back there, Bishopsgate will look a hideous mess; but an economist might well see the crater rather as a classic Keynesian hole in the ground. (Keynes, you will remember, conceded that one implication of his theory was that it would be better to pay men to dig holes in the ground and fill them up again than to do nothing at all.)

In other words, money goes round. The Treasury will get a good deal of its compensation money back through reduced unemployment pay, and enhanced income and profits taxes. This has always been part of the case for deficit spending; and although the government has now conceded some of the argument for purely political reasons, it remains entirely sceptical of the economics. Indeed, part of the Thatcher revolution was to abolish macro-economics; neither Mrs T nor her successors have ever grasped the point that while a company may improve its efficiency simply by sacking people, an economy cannot.

Really, there should have been no need for bombs on the mainland to demonstrate the point. The buoyancy of the Ulster economy, where unemployment has hardly been affected by the worst business recession for 60 years, shows the remarkable effects even of wasteful public spending. If Mr Major and Mr Lamont could think calmly, they might reflect that investment in new infrastructure, rather than simply patching up the old, might show true benefits. The likelihood is, though, that they will seek to pay for the bomb damage by cancelling some genuinely useful project. That is the way their minds work.

What they will certainly not address is the really big question posed by the bomb: would it really be an unmixed disaster if the bomb had, after all, damaged the City as a world financial centre?

The question is as old as the deep suspicion, tipping over at times into hatred, that British industrialists (and American farmers) have always felt for their bankers. The feeling is widely shared, as witness the glee with which the undoing of the yuppies was reported; but in this country, the question is never actually faced.

It is a genuine question, all the same. It is partly the one posed by Professor Colin Mayer, Allen Sykes and other critics of the City when they argue that the Anglo-American model of stock market capitalism seems to breed not economic efficiency, but short-termism. By contrast the most dynamic countries — notably in Asia — have stock markets that are narrow and deeply suspect. More broadly, it has been argued for many decades that undue deference on the part of policy-makers to the supposed interest of the City does great damage to the wider economy. Again, the IRA is a useful teacher. Yesterday's performance confirms what the Treasury and the Bank should have known all along: a truly efficient financial market needs no special favours.

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State to fix bomb premiums

Companies may face compulsory terrorism levy

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

INCREASES in terrorism insurance premiums that will hit businesses in mainland Britain in the wake of Saturday's City of London bomb will be largely dictated by the government, claims Pool Re, the mutual fund that is the only significant provider of terrorism cover.

The government's influence on premium rates stems from its decision last year to take responsibility as "insurer of last resort" for terrorism-related claims. As for any class of insurance, the reinsurer, in this case the government, dictates the level of premiums it requires to take on risk from direct insurers. This, in turn, will prompt insurance companies to raise the premiums paid by businesses.

Insurers say it is too early to know how much insurance premiums will rise as a result of Saturday's bomb, but estimates range between 30 and 50 per cent. Furthermore, businesses may face a compulsory levy, according to Airmic, the association of risk managers.

It is estimated that damage caused by the Bishopsgate bomb will cost between £300 million and £400 million, and the government is expected to pick up the bulk of the bill.

The government also faces the prospect of shouldering the costs of any future terrorist attacks, according to the Association of British Insurers. This is because the Bishopsgate bomb is thought likely to exhaust the money available in Pool Re and the government has committed itself to covering any shortfall. The insurance industry thinks the government will require a rise in premiums to reflect this perceived risk. A Royal Insurance spokesman said premiums might also rise because, when Pool Re was set up in January, it was difficult for terrorism risks to be priced, so rates were only "guesstimates".

Eric Coward, who heads Pool Re, said it was "quite certain that the government will dictate to a large degree what the rise in rates will be". This would have to be decided over the next few weeks, if not days, so discussions on Pool Re between the ABI, the insurance industry and the Department and Trade and Industry had become "more intense", he added.

These discussions are expected to cover a range of issues, including the possibility of a compulsory levy on companies, an idea put forward by Airmic. A compulsory levy is needed because, if premiums are increased too much, the burden on industry may trigger more companies to opt for self-insurance rather than obtain cover through Pool Re. At a recent conference, Airmic found that many of the UK's top 500 companies were undecided on whether to insure against terrorism because of the cost; any further increases may exacerbate the situation.

Mr Coward said Pool Re and the government would also consider whether premium increases could be varied according to a business's location and whether premiums could be discounted for companies with contingency plans in place.

Currently, there are two classes of premiums. Businesses located in inner London and eight other city centres pay more than their rural counterparts.

TED BATH



MALAYA, the motor group whose chairman is Keith Goldie-Morrison, left, transferred its annual shareholders meeting yesterday from the Great Eastern Hotel near Liverpool Street station to the Sloane Street flat of Ronald Lancaster, a shareholder, centre. Malaya announced the switch to shareholders at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, just three and a half hours before the meeting was due to start, because the Great Eastern Hotel lay within the area of the City cordoned off by police after the Bishopsgate bomb exploded on Saturday.

London's glaziers start the repair work

BY CARL MORTISHED

LONDON'S glaziers made up the advance guard of a stream of builders and maintenance workers that will be swarming over the bomb-damaged buildings in Bishopsgate and Wormwood Street in the City.

Pilkington is the country's only plate glass manufacturer and after the takeover of Heywood Williams's glass business, the company also controls the largest plate glass merchants. However, Pilkington was keen to dispel any impression that it would benefit greatly from damage repair. A spokesman said: "There will be a temporary increase in demand. We fully expect to supply from existing stock."

Solar Glass, a large South-east glass merchant, is expecting a heavy increase in demand after its experience of the bomb in St. Mary Axe last April. David Green, contracts manager at the London branch, said: "We expect sales to go up 100 per cent over the next few months."

Landlords were trying to measure the damage. One of the worst affected is Prudential, that owns eight buildings in the vicinity of the blast. The Pru believes five will be up and running tomorrow, with minimal repair work needed. A spokesman said the damage to 99 Bishopsgate, the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank building, and 52-68 Bishopsgate might be structural and could involve rebuilding work. At City glaziers Plate Glass, work for retail customers started almost immediately, boarding up shop fronts and replacing panes.

A branch of Next, meanwhile, received an enquiry on whether there would be a damaged goods sale.

Spain drops timeshare tax

BY TONY HETHERINGTON

SPAIN has reversed its decision to impose a wealth tax on timeshare owners, removing a levy that has added as much as £45 a year to the cost of owning a one-week stake in a holiday apartment.

Agreement on withdrawal of the tax, to be announced this week, was reached in Madrid on Friday. It follows months of negotiations involving the European Timeshare Federation and the Timeshare Council — the respectable face of the UK timeshare industry.

Diana Hanks, the Timeshare Council's spokeswoman, said: "We have got exclusion from the tax for Britain's 134,000 timeshare owners. Most people own just one or two weeks, so we were able to say that the cost of collecting the tax would be rather high."

The tax, based on the value of each apartment, was introduced in 1991 and amounts typically to £9 or £10 a year for each timeshare week owned. But it involves timeshare owners engaging lawyers or similar representatives in Spain to deal with paperwork.

Several British timeshare companies have already levied apartment owners for the cost of appointing fiscal representatives. Developers believe this has been an obstacle to the industry's expansion.

RBS photocard cuts fraud

BY SARA MCCONNELL

THE Royal Bank of Scotland is to offer photocards to all its customers, following a successful 18-month pilot scheme that dramatically cut losses from fraud.

Such losses on the 31,548 Highline cards issued as part of the pilot scheme totalled £494 over 18 months. By contrast, the bank estimates that fraud losses on the same number of cards without photographs over the same period would be about £45,000. The Highline card is a three in one card, acting as a cheque guarantee, debit and cash-point card. The Royal Bank of Scotland said that 360 of the cards issued as part of the pilot had been lost or stolen, while three cards were used fraudulently. There were 19 fraudulent transactions.

Gold Highline cards with a £250 cheque guarantee and silver Highline cards with a £100 cheque guarantee were both included in the scheme. All holders of these cards will be able to opt to have their photograph on their card from mid-May. Customers with a blue Highline card, with a £50 cheque guarantee limit, will be able to get a photocard from September. These cards were not part of the original pilot scheme.

There will be no charge for the photocard.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

BERRY STARQUEST (Fin)
Pre-tax: £214,000
EPS: 3.1p (3.0p)
Div: 2.2p (2p)
Last time's profit was £211,000. The net asset value fell to 170.7p (181.2p) a share. Total income rose to £444,000 (£425,000).

CAPITAL & REGIONAL
Pre-tax: £422,000
EPS: 0.41p (1.26p)
Div: 0.8p, mkg 1.1p (1p)
Final results. Last time's profit was £367,000. Net asset value rose to 157.8p (153.5p) a share. Net rental & fee income: £6m (£4.66m).

JOSEPH HOLT (Fin)
Pre-tax: £7.04m (£6.37m)
EPS: 154.49p (135.99p)
Div: 31p, mkg 41p (35p)
Turnover rose to £25.7m (£22.5m). Taxation amounted to £2.27m (£2.26m). Retained profit climbed to £3.43m (£3.05m).

LINTON PARK (Fin)
Pre-tax: £7.66m
EPS: 31.8p (LPS: 17.3p)
Div: 11.5p, mkg 14p
There was a loss of £1.16m last time. Last time's total dividend was 13p. Exceptional profit: £500,000. Turnover rose to £129m (£124.3m).

LOPEX (Fin)
Pre-tax: £210,000
LPS: 0.21p (4.76p)
Div: Nil (nil)
There was a loss of £398,000 last time. Turnover declined to £146m (£206m), while revenue dropped to £41.1m (£58.7m).

REED EXECUTIVE (Fin)
Pre-tax: £7.33m Loss
LPS: 11.2p (12.9p)
Div: Nil (nil)
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There was a loss of £7.89m last time. There was an exceptional loss of £3.91m. Turnover declined to £82.3m (£87.8m).

HC SLINGSBY (Fin)
Pre-tax: £110,886
EPS: 9.3p (4.4p)
Div: 5.5p, mkg 7.5p
Last time's profit was £82,500. Last time's total dividend was 7.5p. There was an exceptional charge of £104,541. Sales: £10m (£9.95m).

VTR (Int)
Pre-tax: £202,000
EPS: 1.7p (2.4p)
Div: 1.2p (1.2p)
Last time's profit was £276,000. Turnover rose to £4.16m (£3.53m). Company has seen a noticeable upturn in business since January.

NatWest scheme flies on

NATIONAL Westminster Bank is to write to more than one million credit card customers telling them it is not going to leave the Air Miles scheme. But it will modifying it so it does not cost so much.

Customers earn one Air Mile for every £10 spent with the credit card. In December, the bank renewed its contract with the Air Miles scheme for six months instead of a year. At the time it informed customers, promising to write to them in April to say whether the scheme would continue. Had the bank decided to discontinue the scheme, those saving miles were likely to have rushed to use them. This would have have dramatically raised the scheme's cost this year. Already, 250,000 have taken free flights or discounts on package holidays.

By modifying the scheme, NatWest hopes that people with enough miles saved to go to Paris will continue saving for New York or other longer destinations.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

SmithKline Beecham executives to retire

ROBERT Bauman, 62, chief executive, and Henry Wendt, 59, chairman, architects of the 1989 merger that created SmithKline Beecham, the pharmaceuticals company, are to retire at next year's annual meeting, shareholders were told yesterday. The new chairman will be Sir Peter Walters, 61, the former BP chairman who is also on the SmithKline board. He will act as a non-executive.

The new chief executive will be Jan Leschly, 51, who joined the board in July 1990. SmithKline directors can retire at any time after the age of 60. There is no ceiling age. Sir Peter is also deputy chairman of HSBC Holdings, chairman of Blue Circle Industries and deputy chairman of Thorn EMI.

BA to maintain stake

BRITISH Airways will exercise its right, under an investment agreement with USAir concluded in January, to buy new convertible preferred stock in USAir for $86.3 million, alongside the American carrier's proposed sale of 10 million new ordinary shares. The purpose is to avoid diluting BA's 24.6 per cent holding in USAir. "The net proceeds of the offering of common and convertible stock will be added to the working capital of USAir group," BA said.

Siemens orders down

SIEMENS, the German electrical and electronics group, reported first-half net profit of DM877 million, up from DM859 million, in the six months to March 31. The company said continued economic decline had depressed orders. Domestic orders fell by 7 per cent in the period, to DM18.7 billion. Foreign orders were down by 2 per cent. The group's workforce declined by 1.5 per cent, to 407,000; practically all divisions were affected.

Dickie back in black

JAMES Dickie, a Scottish forging to casting group quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, made a pre-tax profit of £250,000 in the six months to February 28, compared with a restated loss of £292,000 last time. Turnover climbed from £6.9 million to £7.86 million. There was an exceptional credit of £68,000. Earnings, after tax, amounted to 3.03p a share, against a loss of 4.73p a share last time. There is no interim dividend, but the directors expect to recommend a final.

Britannia cuts loss

BRITANNIA Group, the West Country construction and property business, reduced its 1992 loss to £393,000 from £690,000 in 1991. Exposure to commercial property continues to fall, with the disposal of Britannia Trade Park in Gloucester for £2.5 million and the sale of two investment properties for £800,000 since the year-end. The housebuilding division is to expand with the acquisition of Clifton Homes. There is again no dividend.

Wensum in the red

WENSUM, a manufacturer of uniforms and menswear, fell to a loss of £44,000 in the year to January 30, from 1991 profits of £607,000. Operating profits of £75,000 were not enough to cover a £119,000 interest charge. Wensum has struck a three-year licensing deal with a Japanese company to manufacture and sell in Japan. Turnover fell from £7.6 million to £6.5 million. The loss per share is 0.33p (earnings of 5.63p) and the total dividend is 1.825p (3.5p).

Lyles spins downward

S LYLES, a yarn spinner and dyer based in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, is maintaining its interim dividend at 1.55p, despite a 78 per cent slump in first-half profits. The pre-tax figure fell to £102,000 (£468,000) in the six months to December 31, as difficult trading conditions persisted. Turnover declined 18.7 per cent to £6.71 million. Earnings per share were 1.02p, down from 4.47p last time. The company is continuing to invest in plant and machinery.

How shuts design arm

HOW Group, a West Bromwich building services contractor, is closing its design and management business after the cancellation of two big contracts. Closure costs and losses from the discontinued businesses plunged the group into a loss of £2.3 million last year, compared with a profit of £1.3 million in 1991. Profits from continuing businesses were £1.2 million. The loss per share is 3.96p (earnings of 1.32p); the final dividend is cut by half to 0.75p.

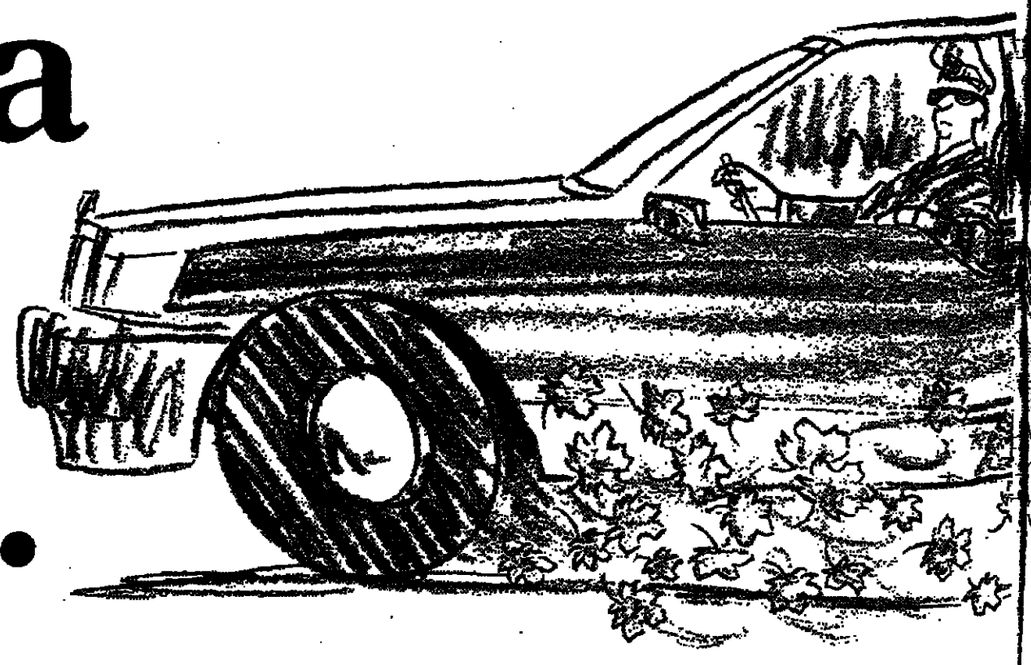
Norsk beats forecasts

NET income at Norsk Hydro, the Norwegian oil and gas group, increased from NKr217 million to NKr506 million (£48.4 million) in the first quarter of the year. Analysts had forecast about NKr457 million; the results of all divisions were better than expected. The company said cost-cutting was the main reason for the improvement. Leiv Nergaard, vice-president, said the result was "still a long way from the return that Hydro ought to have."

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Major gives Attali a mild ticking-off

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major limited himself to a polite rebuke to Jacques Attali, president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), over spending on the bank's opulent City headquarters.

Opening the two-day formal part of the EBRD's annual meeting in Westminster, the prime minister had been expected to direct heavy criticism at the bank's spending on its offices and staff. Britain, the host country, contributed £40 million to the costs.

But the EBRD's decision to press on with weekend meetings of ministers, central bankers and businessmen at its London headquarters, despite the IRA bomb blast only a few hundred yards away, appears to have prompted Mr Major to tone down his criticism.

Mr Major said the bank deserved credit for contributing £1.6 billion to western investment in eastern Europe in the two years since it was set up, generating a total project value of £7.9 billion. He said, however, that the EBRD had to go about its task in the "most cost-effective way possible, ensuring value for taxpayers' money". Mr Major did not name M Attali in his remarks on costs.

Theo Waigel, Germany's finance minister and EBRD chairman, who last week publicly admonished M Attali over damage that reports of excessive spending had done to the bank's image, was also surprisingly mild in his comments on the bank's administration. He said M Attali and his colleagues had produced a "remarkable performance" in committing funds in central and eastern Europe.

Careful handling of the bank's resources was "absolutely essential", he said. He welcomed the board's decision to tighten budgetary procedures and increase transparency. The governors are awaiting the outcome of a review into the bank's procedures. No changes in key personnel are expected.

It was Canada, whose EBRD director, Don McCutchan, has bitterly opposed the EBRD's high spending, that delivered the first real salvo against M Attali's running of the bank.

John McDermid, the Canadian alternate governor, told the meeting it was unfortunate that negative publicity had detracted from the bank's accomplishment. "The EBRD must always be conscious of its responsibility as a public institution," he said. Canada wanted to help make sure that spending was kept under control and that, if warranted, "remedial action is taken".

Mr Major and M Attali called for the West to keep its borders open to imports from central and eastern Europe. M Attali said it would be the "cruellest form of deceit" if the West helped the region to achieve higher productivity, only to keep out its goods. Mr Major said the process of trade liberalisation had to go faster.



Profits surge: Pre-tax profits at Farnell Electronics jumped to £41.6 million in the year to end-January, against £32.7 million last time. The advance was helped by a first full-year contribution from ESD Distribution, bought in July 1991, and a £6.36 million exceptional gain from the disposal of a subsidiary. Turnover advanced 24 per cent to £254 million.

Richard Hanwell, the chairman, pictured above right with Henry Elstone, the group's finance director, said Farnell achieved 6.5 per cent organic growth, despite the recession.Earnings per share rose to 17.2p (16.5p). The total dividend is increased to 6.2p (5.8p) with an improved 3.4p final (3.2p).

Mr Hanwell said trading in the first quarter of the new year showed a marked increase over the same period last year in almost all areas. He revealed that Farnell is to gain a new chief executive in the autumn. The shares rose 9p to 387p.

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Moss Bros profits surge to £2.3m

Rowland Gee, managing director of Moss Bros Group, was optimistic about prospects after lower costs and improved sales helped the menswear retailer to a 74 per cent surge in full-year profits.

The group, which also owns Cecil Gee, Suit Co and the Savoy Taylors Guild, revealed pre-tax profits of £2.3 million in the 53 weeks to end-January (£1.32 million). Turnover rose 8 per cent to £55.8 million, with like-for-like sales growth of 5.5 per cent. Gross profits were up 13.5 per cent to £27.9 million.

The group had year-end cash balances up £6 million to £14 million. Earnings rose 64.2 per cent to 8.52p (5.19p) a share. A final dividend of 4p (3.5p) a share makes a total 5.5p (5p). Tempus, page 27

Gold boost

London gold rose $5.75 to $350.25 an ounce, its best level for more than a year, on confirmation that two multi-millionaires had moved into the metal. Sir James Goldsmith, the financier, and George Soros, who made millions out of sterling last September, have transacted a $400 million deal involving 10 million shares in Newmont Mining. Tempus, page 27

A&C Black up

Pre-tax profits at A&C Black, the publishing group, advanced to £535,000 in the year to end-December (£389,000). Turnover dipped to £6.78 million (£6.84 million). Earnings rise to 24.4p a share (16.9p). There is a proposed final dividend of 9.25p (8.75p) a share, giving an increased total of 13.5p (13p). The shares were unchanged at 325p.

Dakota ahead

An exceptional gain on fixed assets helped pre-tax profits at Dakota Group, the Dublin printing and packaging group, surge to IrE1.36 million (£1.35 million) in the six months to end-March, against last time's IrE144,000, restated under the FRS3 accounting standard. There is no dividend.

Isle of Man finally pays depositors

BY SARA MCCONNELL

THE Isle of Man is to pay £1.4 million to 576 depositors of the failed Savings and Investment Bank (SIB), 11 years after the bank collapsed.

The payouts, limited to a maximum of £5,000 for any single depositor, are the first since the Tynwald, the Isle of Man's Parliament, agreed to make *ex gratia* payments totalling £4.5 million to SIB depositors last year.

Payments to the remainder of the bank's 1,600 depositors will be made as soon as possible, said Tim Craine, secretary to the council of ministers for the Manx government. SIB had about 4,000 depositors, who lost more than £40 million when the bank collapsed. Many have since died. Since the collapse, depositors have had 27.5p in the pound from the liquidators. Payouts from the Isle of Man government are in addition to this.

The Manx government resisted calls for compensation until the publication of the Chadwick report on the bank's collapse last year. The report found Manx Treasury officials had failed to monitor SIB and had allowed it to trade for at least 16 months while insolvent. It found insolvency warnings had gone unheeded, returns had not been analysed by the treasury and the bank had been allowed to deal in contravention of the rules.

Miles Walker, the Isle of Man's chief minister, said: "We have considerably tightened the regulations governing the finance sector over the past 10 years." A depositors' protection scheme was set up on the Isle of Man two years ago. It will compensate depositors for losses of up to 75 per cent of the first £20,000. The collapse of the SIB was a "contributory factor" in the setting up of the scheme, said Jim Noakes, chief executive of the Isle of Man's financial supervision commission.

Boots shares lose heart on drug test

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

SHARES in Boots fell yesterday by 29p to 464p, after the pharmaceutical and stores group said that it would reduce the advised dosage of Manoplax, the new heart drug, after discussions with the American Food and Drug Administration and the MCA, its British equivalent, over the preliminary results of a trial involving 3,500 patients.

Boots said: "Preliminary results have shown that patients receiving the 100mg per day dose of the drug have a significantly increased risk of death compared to those not receiving the drug. There is no such trend in the 75mg/day group and the company intends to continue the study at this lower dose."

Shares in Boots surged last year when approval for Manoplax was announced and analysts remarked that the future of the group's pharmaceutical division hinged on the success of the drug, prescribed for sufferers of congestive heart failure, who have not responded to other treatment.

Boots said it would be some weeks before analysis of results from the study in Scandinavia, Canada, and America was completed and before further advice could be issued.

Boots also announced the acquisition for £14.5 million of SFTCC in France and MFT in Italy to improve its over-the-counter operations in Europe.

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Champagne and time off to cheer Leyland DAF buyout

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MANAGERS at Leyland DAF Vans in Birmingham gave their 1,000 workers a bottle of champagne apiece and time off to celebrate after completing a £40 million buyout of the Birmingham plant, aided by almost £9 million of government money.

The trade and industry department contributed £5 million in regional selective assistance after managers told them that the deal would not be viable without state funding.

Further assistance was provided by Birmingham Heartlands Development Corporation, which paid £4 million for part of the site not needed for van production.

Although completion of the van plant rescue will raise hopes in other parts of the collapsed group, a spokesman for the receivers said that it could take many more weeks to secure the future of the lorry plant in Lancashire.

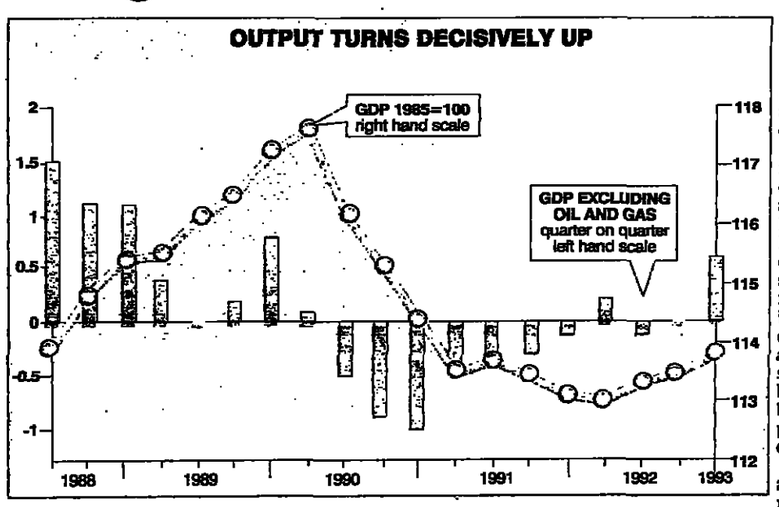
Up to six potential bidders are still interested, including Volvo of Sweden, Paccar of the United States, and a group of managers backed by Barclays Development Capital. Barclays has pledged up to £5 million of equity funding, but the price could easily reach £40 million in an area that does not qualify for regional assistance.

More than 20 managers at the van plant participated in the buyout from administrative receivers, completed almost 12 weeks after the collapse of Leyland DAF, the former Anglo-Dutch parent company. A tenth of the shares have been reserved for sale to the workforce, ensuring that managers and employees will control more than half the equity. The rest will be held by 3i, the venture capital group. Medium-term loans will be provided by the Royal Bank of Scotland. United Dominions Trust, part of the TSB bank will provide additional finance for stocks of vehicles held by dealers.

Allan Amey, managing director, told employees that he was confident the business had a viable future. That view was echoed by Alan Stevens, the 3i investment director who helped draw up the funding arrangements. He said the buyout included provision for "sensible" capital investment to keep the model range up to date.

History recalls how great the British economic fall can be

As recession is officially declared over, **Janet Bush** warns against complacency, given the lessons of the Thatcher era



REMEMBER the mid-1980s — that glorious summer when so many believed in the Thatcher miracle, and everyone enjoyed instant credit and the inexorable rise in the price of their homes? Mrs Thatcher's brave new economic liberalism had unleashed an energy in the British economy that had been dissipated for years in restrictive industrial practices, bad management and bureaucracy. Manufacturers that survived the 1980-1 recession emerged leaner and fitter and vibrant entrepreneurs helped Britain to grow faster than European competitors.

Mass unemployment receded much faster than it had been created and everyone bought voraciously into the vision of a home-owning democracy. It was hard to believe — in the spring of 1988 — that the Great was about to be taken out of Britain again in yet another of the boom-bust cycles that have stymied competitiveness since the war and left the economy weakened, some believe irrevocably.

In the space of a year, interest rates doubled to 15 per cent, a shock therapy unexpected by companies and individuals who had been suckered by rising incomes and climbing asset prices into thinking that high levels of debt, keenly provided by a deregulated financial sector, could always be financed.

This optimism made the fall that much harder. Statistically, this recession proved to be the longest since the 1930s, though not the deepest. It was not confined to the manufacturing heartlands. People lost not only their jobs, but their homes too.

This recession destroyed the comfortable certainties of the middle classes and confidence among the chattering classes and blue-collar workers. Tearful architects and solicitors were paraded on television documentaries, far more shocking to the class conscious than redundancies among car workers.

Unemployment has been almost as devastating this time around as it was in the early 1980s. The number of long-term jobless has topped 1 million again. Unemployment in the 20 to 24 age group is almost 20 per cent again, just below the 20.4 per cent 1986 peak.

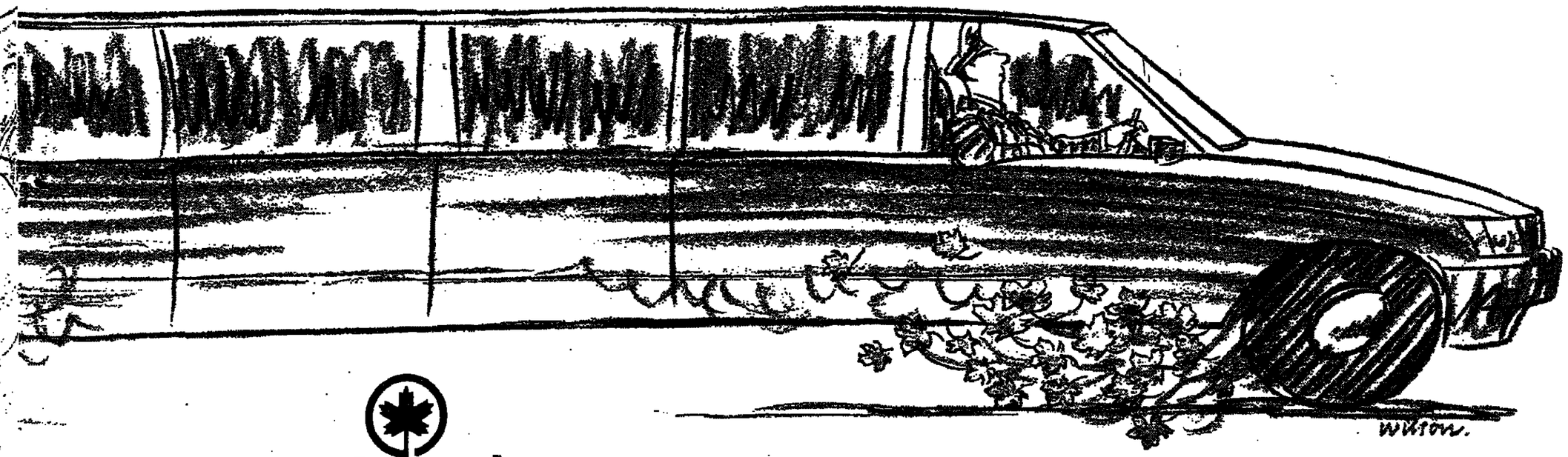
The raw government total for those claiming benefit climbed above 3 million again. According to Dr John Philpott of the Employment Policy Institute, Conservative economic governance has resulted in a small net fall in the number of people employed in Britain. He estimates the cost in terms of lost output and tax income and soaring social security payments at between £50 billion and £60 billion, roughly equal to the public sector borrowing requirement forecast.

In the recession years, about 170,000 homes were repossessed, more than 1.3 million people slipped into serious mortgage arrears and more than 1 million are trapped in homes worth less than their mortgages.

More damaging still for the longer-term future of the economy has been the devastation of companies. Dun & Bradstreet reckons that, in 1990-2, there were just under 140,000 business failures. A still greater concern is that the assault on inefficiency in the manufacturing economy of the early 1980s has not led to the promised renaissance. In every year but one since 1981, Britain has had a current account deficit, according to Mr Bootle.

The government yesterday celebrated the start of recovery in the first three months of this year. But, as Messrs Major and Lamont look forward to renewed growth, some large numbers should temper their good spirits: a current account deficit last year of nearly £12 billion, expected to worsen this year; a PSBR still forecast at £30 billion in 1997; unemployment just below 3 million and expected to rise.

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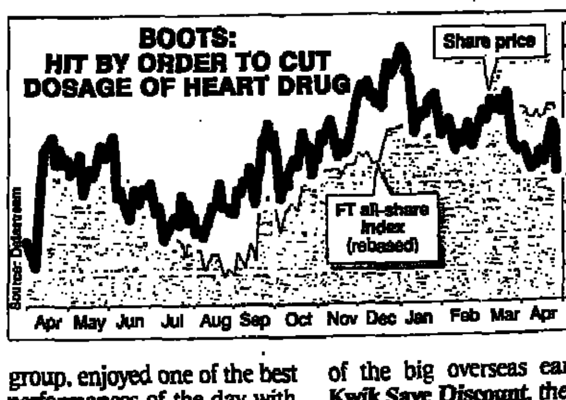


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STOCK MARKET

Boots suffers a Manoplax overdose



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The tests were carried out on 3,500 patients in Canada, the US and Scandinavia. Analysts in the City are now worried about the repercussions of the move, especially in America. The FDA is regarded as notoriously thorough and slow-moving and is now unlikely to rush through any future new drug applications made by European companies.

Earlier in the session, Boots had been marked firmer as it outlined the next step in its European expansion policy. It has bought two healthcare companies in France and Italy for a total of £14.5 million. Drug shares in general appeared flat. **SmithKline Beecham A** fell 3p to 446p on a boardroom reshuffle, while **Wellcome** fell 17p to 719p and **Medeva** 6p to 208p.

The rest of the equity market took the bombing of Bishopsgate in its stride as dealers returned to their desks after the weekend break to begin the second leg of the three-week account.

The fact that share prices were left to drift lower, with investors apparently reluctant to open fresh positions, had more to do with technical factors than terrorist activities.

The FT-SE 100 index was down 21.5 at 2,822.3 with less than 500 million shares changing hands. Dealers reported several small programme trades that hit leading shares.

Government securities also spent a quiet session with available funds tied up in tomorrow's £3 billion gilts auction. After an initial markdown, prices at the longer end closed with gains of about £⅛.

United Biscuits, the McVitie and Crawford's food group, enjoyed one of the best performances of the day with speculative buying driving the price a further 29p higher at 428p as more than 8 million shares were traded. The price has now risen 42p in the past couple of days amid claims that a bid from Cadbury Schweppes, or even Hanson, may be on the way.

There has certainly been a lot of activity in the shares on the traded options market, but this would not on its own justify yesterday's activity.

The pound's continued strength against the dollar left **Reuters** nursing a fall of 26p at £12.58 before tomorrow's annual meeting. Dealers are worried that currency fluctuations will make a dent in many of the big overseas earners.

Kwik Save Discount, the food retailer, jumped 18p to 786p before this week's trading news. But **British Aerospace** eased 2p to 316p before its Thursday AGM.

Bromsgrove slipped 2p to 102p. Imbach, its subsidiary which specialises in damage reclamation and repair, has been put on standby to deal with the damage to the NatWest Tower after the IRA attack. Imbach has experience of bomb damage and was previously heavily involved in clearing up the Baltic Exchange attack last year.

Insurance companies ended lower on the day, but brokers said it was more of a markdown along with the rest of the market rather than any knock-on effect of events in the City. **Commercial Union** lost 8p at 608p, **General Accident** 7p at 564p, **Guardian Royal Exchange** 3p at 179p, and **Sun Alliance** 5p at 325p.

Farnell Electronics jumped 9p to 387p on full-year pre-tax profits up from £32.7 million to £41.6 million. The underlying figure was boosted by an exceptional gain of £6.36 million and a full year contribution from ESD. The group said trading in the first quarter had shown a marked rise on the corresponding period.

Moss Bros, the menswear group, lifted pre-tax profits last year from £1.32 million to £2.3 million helped by lower costs and more sales. The balance sheet remained strong with £14 million in the bank. The shares responded with a rise of 13p to 163p.

Guinness eased 2p to 475p. LVMH Moët Hennessey Louis Vuitton, its French associate, is proposing a five-for-one scrip issue to provide better liquidity in the shares. Both companies have cross-holdings in each other of about 24 per cent.

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BRITISH FUNDS

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109	106	Treas 14½% 1994	106	-	13.57	5.99
109	107	Exch 13½% 1994	107	-	12.60	6.08
105	104	Treas 10% 1994	104	...	9.61	6.21
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105	103	Treas 9% 1994	103	...	8.67	6.40
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	108	...	11.02	6.53
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95	-	3.13	5.25
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	-	9.54	6.65
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	113	-	11.19	6.72
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	-	11.93	6.94
125	122	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	-	12.49	7.00
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	116	-	11.33	6.99
111	109	Conv 10% 1996	109	-	9.14	6.97
122	119	Treas 13¼% 1997	119	-	11.08	7.20
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	111	-	9.44	7.11
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	106	-	8.24	7.08
132	128	Exch 15% 1997	128	-	11.64	7.36
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	109	-	8.88	7.26
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	-	7.20	7.08
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	-	6.82	6.99
138	134	Treas 15½% 1998	134	-	11.50	7.54
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	119	-	10.06	7.66
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	109	-	8.70	7.48
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	121	-	10.11	7.71
117	113	Treas 10½% 1999	113	-	9.22	7.59
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	113	-	9.03	7.61
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	107	-	8.37	7.56
131	129	Treas 13% 2000	127	-	10.22	7.96
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	112	-	8.92	7.89
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	125	-	11.11	7.71
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	111	-	8.78	8.02
103	97	Treas 8% 2003	100	-	7.98	7.94
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	112	-	8.87	8.13
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	119	-	9.66	8.15
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70	-	4.95	7.38
112	105	Conv 9½% 2004	109	-	8.69	8.21
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	109	-	8.68	8.23
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127	-	9.79	8.47
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	98	-	8.09	8.17
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121	-	9.66	8.42
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	101	-	8.37	8.30
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	135	-	9.99	8.46
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	105	-	8.52	8.35
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	96	-	8.26	8.38
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	105	-	8.56	8.44
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	105	-	8.57	8.45
76	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74	-	7.38	8.11
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	93	-	8.27	8.37
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	131	-	9.11	8.66
105	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	102	-	8.54	8.50
		UNDATED				
48	43	Consols 4%	46	-	8.58	...
42	38	War Ln 3½%	40	-	8.55	...
63	60	Conv 3½%	62	-	5.62	...
31	28	Consols 2½%	30	-	8.18	...
30	27	Treas 2½%	29	-	8.58	..
		INDEX-LINKED				
137	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	135	...	...	1.07
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	196	...	1.74	2.54
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	...	2.23	2.83
166	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165	-	2.73	3.09
163	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162	...	2.86	3.16
111	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	110	..	3.00	3.29
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	165	-	3.02	3.25
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151	-	3.24	3.45
159	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157	-	3.31	3.50
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128	-	3.38	3.55
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137	-	3.45	3.61
133	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131	-	3.50	3.64
111	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	108	-	3.53	3.66
111	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109	-	3.55	3.68

WALL STREET

	Apr 26 midday	Apr 23 close
AMP Inc	60	60
AMR Corp	68	69
Abbott Labs	26	25
Aetna Life	51	52
Ahmanson (HF)	17	17
Air Prod & Chem	44	44
Albertson's	54	54
Alcan Alumnm	18	17
Alco Standard	46	46
Allied Signal	64	66
Alum Co of Am	65	67
Amax	16	16
Amerada Hess	53	53
Amer Brands	32	32
Amer Cyanamid	51	50
Amer El Power	37	37
Amer Express	28	29
Amer Genl Corp	29	29
Amer Home Pr	122	124
Amer Intl	40	40
Amer Stores	56	56
Amer T & T	77	77
Ameritech	54	54
Amoco	47	48
Anheuser-Busch	49	49
Apple Computer	23	23
Archer Daniels	9	9
Arkla	7	7
Armco	33	33
Armstrng Wrld	20	20
Asarco	25	25
Ashland Oil	121	121
Atl Richfield	48	48
Auto Data Pro	30	30
Avery Dennison	54	54
Avon Products	26	26
Baker Hughes	25	25
Baltim Gas & El	53	54
Banc One	45	47
BankAmerica	52	54
Bank of NY	69	70
Bankers Tr NY	42	43
Barnett Banks	49	49
Bausch & Lomb	28	29
Baxter Intl	33	33
Becton Dicknsn	52	52
Bell Atlantic	53	53
BellSouth	18	18
Black & Decker	34	34
Block (H&R)	37	38
Boeing	25	25
Boise Cascade	24	24
Borden Inc	59	58
Bristol Myrs Sq	26	26
Browning Ferris	56	55
Burlington Nthn	232	236
CBS	98	97
CNA Financial	41	41
CPC Intl	74	74
CSX	37	37
Campbell Soup	16	16
Can Pacific	538	541
Cptl Cities ABC	80	80
Cptl Holdings	33	33
Carolina Pwr	67	66
Caterpillar	32	32
Central & SW	34	34
Champion Intl	30	31
Chase Manhat	37	37
Chemical Bk	81	81
Chevron Corp	40	39
Chrysler	87	90
Chubb Corp	61	61
Cigna Corp	26	27
Citicorp	47	47
Clorox	27	27
Coastal Corp	39	38
Coca Cola	59	59
Colgate-Palmolive	22	22
Columbia Gas	28	28
Commonw Ed	49	49
Compaq Comp	23	23
Comp Ass Int	24	24
Conagra	35	35
Cons Edison	49	49
Cons Nat Gas	52	52
Cons Rail	46	46
Cooper Inds	33	34
Corning Inc	38	38
Crown Cork	48	49
Dana Corp	70	71
Dayton Hudson	57	57
Deere	57	57
Delta Air Lines	45	44
Deluxe Corp	34	35
Detroit Edison	42	42
Digital Equip	36	35
Dillard Dept St	41	40
Disney (Walt)	43	44
Dominion Res	26	26
Donnelley (RR)	48	48
Dover Corp	55	55
Dow Chemicals	31	30
Dow Jones	20	20
Dresser	39	39
Duke Power	59	59
Dun & Bradstreet	52	51
Du Pont	53	54
Eastman Kodak	89	88
Eaton Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Apr 26 midday	Apr 23 close
Emerson Elec	57	58
Engelhard Corp	34	33
Enron Corp	56	56
Entergy Corp	36	36
Ethyl Corp	28	28
Exxon	64	64
FMC Corp	44	44
FPL Group	37	37
Federal Express	51	51
Fed Nat Mtge	77	78
First Chicago	38	39
First Interstate	54	56
First Union Rlty	11	11
Fleet Fnl Grp	31	32
Fluor Corp	41	42
Ford Motor	52	52
GTE Corp	34	34
Gannett	52	52
Gap Inc Del	28	28
Gen Cinema	35	35
Gen Dynamics	96	97
Gen Electric	92	93
Gen Mills	64	64
Gen Motors	40	40
Gen Reinsurance	116	117
Gen Signal	61	61
Genuine Parts	34	34
Georgia Pac	67	67
Gillette	51	50
Glaxo ADR	18	18
Goodrich (BF)	46	46
Goodyear Tire	74	73
Grace (WR)	38	38
Gt Atl Pac Tea	30	30
Great Wstn Fin	16	17
Halliburton	37	38
Heinz (HJ)	35	35
Hercules	73	73
Hershey Foods	51	50
Hewlett Packard	73	73
Hilton Hotels	43	44
Home Depot	41	41
Homestake	16	16
Honeywell	33	33
Household Intl	69	70
Houston Inds	46	46
Humana	8	8
ITT Corp	79	79
Illinois Tool	73	73
INCO	22	22
Ingersoll Rand	32	32
Inland Steel	23	22
Intel Corp	91	92
IBM	49	47
Intl Flav & Fr	112	112
Intl Paper	65	65
James River Va	20	20
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	39	39
K Mart	22	22
Kellogg	56	57
Kerr-McGee	48	48
Kimberly-Clark	47	48
Knight-Ridder	57	56
Lilly (Eli)	46	46
Limited Inc	23	23
LIN Brdcstng	83	83
Lincoln Nat	80	80
Litton	58	57
Liz Claiborne	35	35
Lockheed Corp	60	60
Louisiana Pac	71	72
MCI Commum	48	47
Marriott	24	25
Marsh & McLnn	92	92
Martin Marietta	74	74
Masco Corp	30	30
May Dept St	69	69
Maytag Corp	13	13
McCaw Cellular	36	36
McDonalds	46	46
McDonnell D	58	58
McGraw Hill	61	61
Mead Corp	47	47
Medtronic	64	64
Mellon Bk	54	56
Melville Corp	44	45
Merck Inc	36	35
Merrill Lynch	69	70
Minnesota Mine	112	113
Mobil Corp	68	68
Monsanto	55	55
Morgan (JP)	68	68
Motorola Inc	70	70
Natl Medical	7	7
Natl Semi	12	12
Natl Service Ind	26	25
Navistar Int	2	2
NBD Bancorp	32	33
NY Times A	29	29
Newmont Mng	47	46
Niag Mohawk	22	21
Nike B	70	70
NL Industries	5	4
Nordstrom	28	28
Norfolk Sthrn	61	62
Nthn State Pwr	45	45
Norwest Corp	49	50
Nynex Corp	86	85
Occidental Pet	21	21
Ohio Edison	24	24

	Apr 26 midday	Apr 23 close
Oracle Systems	33	33
Oryx Energy Co	23	22
PNC Financial	31	32
PPG Industries	73	73
Paccar Inc	59	59
Pacificorp	17	17
Pac Enterprises	23	23
Pac Gas & Elect	33	33
Pac Telesis	46	46
Pall Corp	19	19
Panhandle East	21	21
Paramnt Comm	51	51
Parker Hannifin	28	29
Penney (JC)	81	81
Pennzoil	60	60
Pepsico	37	36
Pfizer	64	64
Phelps Dodge	44	44
Philadel Elec	29	29
Philip Morris	46	47
Phillips Pet	29	29
Pitney Bowes	41	41
Polaroid	32	32
Price Co	28	29
Primerica	44	45
Procter & Gmbl	48	47
Pub Serv E & G	33	33
Quaker Oats	62	62
Ralston Purina	45	45
Raychem Corp	39	39
Raytheon	57	58
Reebok Intl	35	34
Reynolds Metals	44	44
Roadway Srvcs	59	59
Rockwell Intl	31	31
Rohm & Haas	60	60
Royal Dutch	89	89
Rubbermaid	31	31
Safeco Corp	63	64
St Paul's Cos	79	79
Salomon Inc	36	36
Santa Fe S Pac	16	16
Sara Lee Corp	24	24
Scecorp	47	48
Schering Plough	64	64
Schlumberger	63	63
Scott Paper	33	34
Seagram	28	28
Sears Roebuck	53	53
Shell Trans	54	54
Sherwin Wllms	31	32
Skyline Corp	19	19
Snap-On-Tools	35	35
Southern Co	43	43
Sthwestern Bell	78	77
Sprint Corp	32	32
Stanley Works	45	45
Sun Company	26	25
Suntrust	43	44
Supervalu	31	31
Syntex Corp	18	18
Sysco Corp	24	24
TRW Inc	66	65
Tandem Comp	10	10
Tandy Corp	29	29
Telecom Corp	2	2
Teledyne	19	19
Temple Inland	45	45
Tenneco	46	46
Texaco	62	62
Texas Inst	55	55
Texas Utilities	45	45
Textron	49	48
Time Warner	32	33
Times-Mirror	32	31
Timken	30	30
Torchmark	55	55
Toys R Us	37	38
Transamerica	49	49
Travelers Corp	28	29
Tribune	54	54
Tyco Labs	43	44
UAL Corp	141	144
UST Inc	29	28
USX Marathon	18	18
Unilever NV	116	115
Union Camp	44	44
Union Carbide	20	19
Union Pacific	60	59
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAir Group	22	22
USF&G Corp	18	18
US Life	38	37
US West	43	43
United Tech	49	49
Unocal Corp	30	30
Upjohn	30	30
VF Corp	49	49
Wal-Mart Stores	27	28
Warner-Lambert	71	70
Waste Mgmnt Inc	32	32
Wells Fargo	106	108
Westinghouse El	15	15
Weyerhaeuser	44	44
Whirlpool	57	56
Whitman	13	13
Winn Dixie	59	59
Woolworth	29	29
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	30	30
Xerox	79	79

A LEGEND prevails that thousands of years ago Northern Ireland's favourite giant, Finn McCool, roamed the coasts and mountains and valleys of his green and rugged homeland.

He grew up strong and sturdy but in order to become a leader of men, Finn knew he had to gain a noble education. It was while he was studying by the river Boyne that Finn is said to have feasted on 'Fintan', the Salmon of Knowledge, a fish who had the power to bestow wisdom beyond all men. From that day forward Finn was renowned for his insight.



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WORLD MARKETS

Shares leap to record in Hong Kong

HONG KONG shares soared to a record yesterday on renewed optimism over Sino-British talks on the colony's political reforms. The Hang Seng index jumped 94.81 points to 6,845.75, breaking the record set last Thursday of 6,831.23 (Lulu Yu writes).

Brokers and investors were relieved there was no negative news after the initial round of talks ended in Peking last week. The Sino-British team of diplomats are scheduled to meet again tomorrow.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index made strong gains to end 24.19 points up in heavy volume at a record 1,797.26 as investors steadily bought index stocks.

☐ **New York** — The market nudged ahead after a weak opening, amid disappointing economic data and uncertainty over possible US military action in Bosnia. The Dow Jones indutrial average was up two points at 3,413.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended mixed, with the Nikkei lower on index-linked selling. The Nikkei average was down 80.52 points at 19,623.63.

☐ **Sydney** — Large gains by the gold index underpinned the Australian share market and sent the overall index to a three-and-a-half year high. The all-ordinaries index closed 7.5 points higher at 1,710.1.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares rallied in late trading, paring heavy early losses when genuine selling pressure failed to emerge. The Dax index ended 7.29 points down at 1,649.81.

(Reuter)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISE:
Sage Group .... 619p (+23p)

FALLS:
Tiphook .... 315p (-14p)
Sappi .... 396p (-20p)
BAA .... 757p (-15p)
Siebe .... 466p (-11p)
Takeda Chem .... 780p (-20p)
Boots .... 464p (-29p)
Wellcome .... 719p (-17p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Anglo United Warrants	½	...
Brown (D) (170)	212	-2
Fleming Emg Mkts (100)	*105*	...
For & Col US Sir Cos (100)	101½	-½
For & Col US Sir Wts	41	...
Hambros Ins Serv (138)	143	...
Holliday Chemical (195)	214	-1
Pilot Inv Trust (100)	97½	...
Pilot Inv Wts	26	-1
Qlty Software Prods (380)	495	...
Westminster Hlthcr (260)	290	-2

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 003064 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER of REALISATION COMPANY PLC
- and -
IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 1 April 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by returning the amount of £9,923,148 standing to the credit thereof which represents capital in excess of the wants of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London on Wednesday 5 May 1993.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under-mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 27th day of April 1993.
LINKLATERS & PAINES
Barrington House 59-67 Gresham Street LONDON EC2V 7JA
Ref:DOMS
Solicitors for the Company

LANE FOX (CITY) LIMITED
Registered number: 2468514. Trading name: Lane Fox. Nature of business: Real Estate Agents. Trade classification: 37. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 19th July 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: P R Sykes and P W G DuBuisson (office holder nos 6119 and 1369) of 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7BY

FINANCIAL NOTICES

JOHN LEWIS plc
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Registers of the 5% First and 7% Cumulative Preference Stocks of the Company WILL BE CLOSED on 7 July 1993 for the preparation of the dividend warrants.
B J Pritchard Secretary
22nd April 1993

LEGAL NOTICES

S.M.A.C. Reproductions Limited - In Administrative Receivership -
Registered Number: 1350652

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at P O Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF on 30 April 1993 at 12.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.

Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Leonard Curtis & Co., not later than 12.00 hrs on 29 April 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

J.J. Schapira, ACA
Joint Administrative Receiver

The Insolvency Act 1986
MOYLUBES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 1st April 1993.

Dated this 22nd day of April 1993.
M R. Dorrington, Liquidator.

BLACKMANS INTERNATIONAL
IMPORTS LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)

A copy of the Administrative Receiver's Report and Statement of Affairs presented at the Meeting of Creditors held pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act, 1986 on Friday sixteenth day of April, 1993 can be obtained free of charge on application to Panos Eliades & Co., of 6 Bloomsbury Square, London, WC1A 2LP
Panos Eliades
Administrative Receiver

FINANCIAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICES

FREW MACKENZIE PLC
(In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 7 April 1993 I Edward John Wacey of Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company by the members.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 12 May 1993, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned E J Wacey of Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated 20 April 1993
E J Wacey, Liquidator

NOTE: This notice is purely formal. All creditors have been or will be paid in full.

COLLEGE ESTATES LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that Keith David Goodman, FCA of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF and Ralph Stephen Preece, Touche Ross & Co, 10-12 East Parade, Leeds, LS1 2AJ, both Licensed Insolvency Practitioners, were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above Company by the members and creditors on 22nd February 1993.

DATED this 22nd day of February, 1993.
Keith David Goodman, FCA Joint Liquidator, Leonard Curtis & Co., Chartered Accountants P O Box 553 30 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LF and Ralph Stephen Preece, Joint Liquidator, Touche Ross & Co., 10-12 East Parade, Leeds LS1 2AJ

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce will be held at 8 John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6EZ on Monday 10 May 1993 at 2.25pm to consider resolutions to amend the Bye-Laws. Details of the resolutions may be obtained from the Director's office. Telephone 071 930 5115.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The British Equine Veterinary Association Trust

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference PC-247618 A/1-CD(Ldn1). Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the *One Hundred and Sixtyseventh* Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society will be held in The Glasgow Hilton Hotel, 1 William Street, Glasgow G3 8HT on Wednesday 28th April 1993 at 11.00 a.m.

By Order of the Directors
J. C. Mitchell, Secretary
Amicable House, 150 St. Vincent Street
Glasgow G2 5NQ
10th March 1993

Scottish Amicable

ROBECO GROUP

ROBECO N.V.

Further to the announcement published in The Times and The Financial Times on 21 April 1993 concerning the Cash Dividend payable 29 April 1993, the rate of exchange for the payment of this dividend on both Robeco N.V. Ordinary Shares of Fls 10 (at Fls 3.52) and Sub-Shares registered in the name of National Provincial Bank (Nominees) Limited (at Fls 0.352) is Fls 2.7700 = £1.00

UNITED KINGDOM RESIDENTS

The gross dividend is £1.27075812 per Ordinary Share of Fls 10 (Coupon No. 91) and is subject to the following deductions:-
15% Netherlands Tax - £0.19061372 per Share
5% United Kingdom Tax - £0.06353791 per Share
Net Payment - £1.01660649 per Share

NON RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Where 25% Netherlands Tax is applicable, the following deductions apply:-
25% Netherlands Tax - £0.31768953 per Share
20% UK Tax on Net Dividend (when applicable) - £0.19061372 per Share
Net Payment - £0.76245487 per Share

Dividend entitlement on the Sub-Shares will be paid at one tenth of the above amounts, less M.N. Commission of £0.00158845 per Sub-Share.

Where 15% Netherlands Tax is applicable the calculations are as for United Kingdom Residents, but relief from United Kingdom Tax is immediately obtained provided that the appropriate Inland Revenue Affidavit is lodged with the claim.

ROLINCO N.V.

Further to the announcement published in The Times and The Financial Times on 21 April 1993 concerning the Cash Dividend payable 29 April 1993, the rate of exchange for the payment of this dividend on both Rolinco N.V. Ordinary Shares of Fls 10 (at Fls 3.04) and Sub-Shares registered in the name of National Provincial Bank (Nominees) Limited (at Fls 0.304) is Fls 2.7700 = £1.00

UNITED KINGDOM RESIDENTS

The gross dividend is £1.09747292 per Ordinary Share of Fls 10 (Coupon No. 34) and is subject to the following deductions:-
15% Netherlands Tax - £0.16462094 per Share
5% United Kingdom Tax - £0.05487365 per Share
Net Payment - £0.87797833 per Share

NON RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Where 25% Netherlands Tax is applicable, the following deductions apply:-
25% Netherlands Tax - £0.27436823 per Share
20% UK Tax on Net Dividend (when applicable) - £0.16462094 per Share
Net Payment - £0.65848375 per Share

Dividend entitlement on the Sub-Shares will be paid at one tenth of the above amounts, less M.N. Commission of £0.00137184 per Sub-Share.

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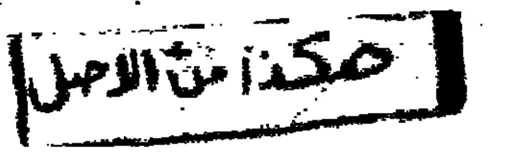
Sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro

United Nations Security Council Resolution 820 (1993) came into effect on Tuesday 27th April 1993, and includes a number of measures to tighten sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). A significant new development is a prohibition on the provision of services, both financial and non-financial, to any person or body for purposes of any business carried on in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), the only exceptions being telecommunications, postal services, certain legal services and, as approved on a case-by-case basis by the United Nations Sanctions Committee, services whose supply may be necessary for humanitarian or other exceptional purposes. The prohibition does not apply in respect of business carried on outside the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), although other sanctions may be relevant in such cases. It will be implemented by measures in UK and EC law. You are strongly advised to consult your legal advisers if you are in doubt as to whether the prohibition applies to your particular circumstances.

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City bomb highlights need for disaster recovery planning

Despite lessons learnt from last year's blast, Patricia Tehan says some firms still do not have contingency measures in place

If last April's St Mary Axe bomb acted as a warning to the City that it needed to put its disaster recovery plans in order, then the weekend's events were a chilling reminder of the need to plan for disasters if London is to retain its credibility as Europe's financial centre.

Disaster recovery firms yesterday reported record levels of interest in their services as companies that had failed to plan ahead scrambled for office and dealing room space.

Commercial Union, the insurance company, was worst affected by last year's bomb, which wrecked the CU Tower. A spokesman said the company was pleased with its contingency planning, "but the one thing we did not plan for was the whole building being affected by a disaster". CU's Quilter Goodison private client and fund management arm, CU Asset Management and its UK division operations, including head office claims, general business marketing and London underwriting, occupied the tower.

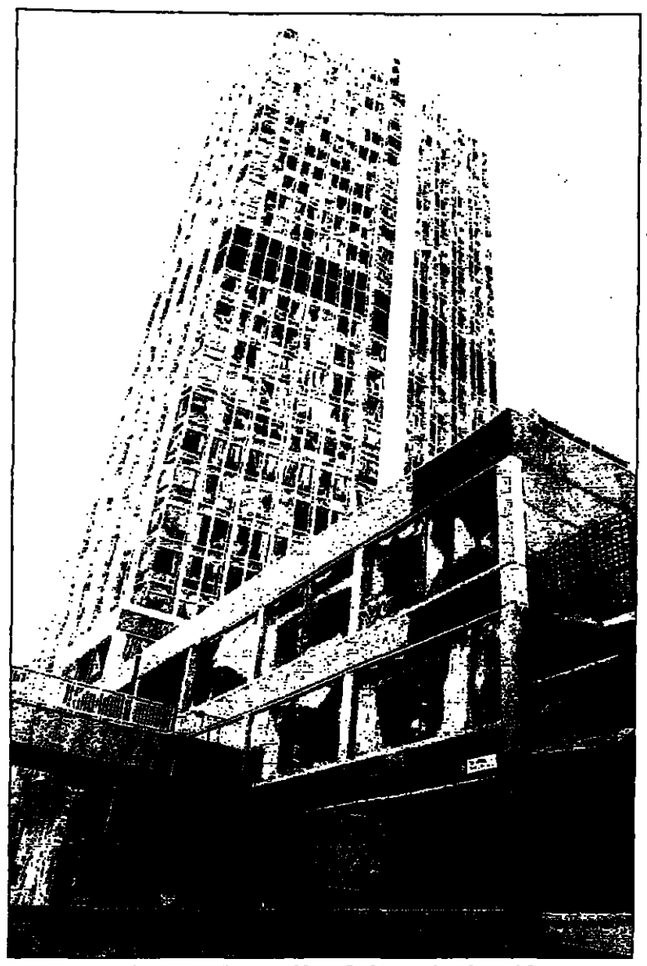
The spokesman said each of the three divisions had its own disaster recovery plans in place. He said: "We believe that this compartmentalisation worked," but CU fine-tuned its plans after last year's bomb.

Mark Allsopp, director of operations at Quilter Goodison, said his firm, among many others, had rallied round to aid companies hit by the weekend's bomb. He said this time last year, other firms came to Quilter's aid, offering all kinds of office equipment from personal computers to desks and chairs. There was a lot of self-help in the City, he said. "However, you must not be complacent."

Quilter was able to get its operation running by 7.30 am on the Monday after last year's bomb. Mr Allsopp said it had located sufficient office space within 20 minutes of the blast. It was helped by the computer facilities management firm it uses and sent staff to offices in the Channel Islands and Liverpool. Within weeks, Quilter had moved into semi-permanent offices in Broadgate and plans to return to the CU Tower in October.

Looking back, Mr Allsopp said: "I will not say that we got everything right, we did not." He said the most important lesson was to keep a list of all staff. He said: "We had to rebuild the computer network just to get the staff list back." Mr Allsopp is confident that London is secure and can hold its own as a financial centre with any of its European or overseas rivals.

Understandably, most City organisations are reluctant to discuss their contingency plans. The main clearing banks all have disaster recovery plans and, as members of the Association of Payment Clearing Services (Apacs), are required to test contingency facilities each year. A spokesman for Apacs said the clearing banks must demonstrate that, in the event of their site being out of action, they will be able to carry on the normal business load. He added that the three main services supervised by Apacs — cheque and credit processing, direct debit and standing order processing and large value payment processing — each have a central and a back-up facility.



Double blow: Hongkong & Shanghai Bank has been hit twice

The ability of most City firms to resume something approaching normal operations yesterday owes much to modern, computerised, digital exchanges and disaster recovery. By punching in a few numbers, BT and Mercury Communications engineers working over the weekend were able to reprogramme an exchange or central switch to reroute calls to alternative premises when telephones and faxes had been installed.

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While telecommunications engineers were installing new telephones and faxes and reprogramming the network, disaster recovery firms were working with off-site data storage companies and firms, such as Reuters and Telerate, which provide trading links with international financial markets. Nick Turck, of Galgey and Co, which offers a disaster recovery package and whose staff were in action over the weekend, said up-dated computerised records of many companies are transmitted nightly to a remote storage site or taken by security guards as tapes. Some smaller firms give floppy discs or other storage mediums to an employee who takes them home to the relative safety of suburbia.

Martin Gray, chief executive of NatWest's UK branch business, said yesterday that the bank's computers for clearing, payment and other services were mainly sited outside London. When personal computers and telephones had been installed, staff linked into these from new offices in the City. "Again, the City has proved its resilience," Mr Gray said.

Despite these contigency plans, it is likely that some companies will have suffered data loss that could cost them dear. Some companies carry out computer processing over the weekend, which makes it likely that some information was not duplicated before the bomb went off.

Nick Simms, marketing manager of Telehouse, which operates dealing room disaster recovery and other computer services from Docklands, said the City could no longer go on kidding itself that it could handle repeated disasters. He said: "Apart from the huge proximity of firms to each other, most of the new developments are above railway stations," with the increased risk posed by the great numbers of commuters who use the stations every day, their attraction as terrorist targets and the threat of a rail disaster. The company built two small dealing rooms over the weekend in addition to its main live dealing room, to cope with demand.

In a survey of the contingency plans of 183 financial institutions carried out during the week before last April's St Mary Axe bomb, Telehouse found 27 per cent said they would move elsewhere in the building if they were unable to deal in their dealing rooms; 18 per cent would move dealing to another part of the company; 10 per cent had an informal arrangement with another bank; 7 per cent had an arrangement with a computer supplier; 4 per cent would worry about it when it happened; 6 per cent were convinced it would not happen; 20 per cent had no plan and 7 per cent had other plans.

Only 80 per cent of firms with a contingency plan had tested it. Telehouse asked those with tested plans if they were convinced they would meet their needs in the event of a disaster. Only 26 per cent could say there were certain the plans would work; 48 per cent thought they would work and 26 per cent said they were not convinced they would work. Mr Simms said some firms said they only had the plans "to satisfy their auditors or the Bank of England". Of the firms questioned, 36 per cent were unable to say how much it would cost them to lose their dealing rooms for a day; 27 per cent said it would cost more than £100,000.

Mr Simms said planning has improved since the St Mary Axe bomb, with larger organisations in particular taking the issue seriously. But he said many firms had put off decision-making until they began to see some recovery in their business.

Insurance companies are encouraging their clients to tighten up on security and disaster recovery plans. Contingency plans play a part in the calculation of premiums. Often, the company has to demonstrate its ability to handle a disaster before it qualifies for the lower premiums. A CU spokesman said if a company said that, in the event of a bomb, it had back-up facilities so that its business interruption claims would be limited, an insurer would reflect this in the premium.

He said: "if a company can tell us that they can get back to work in, say, three months rather than three years, then the premium will be between 25 and 50 per cent lower. Generally, companies take out insurance to protect themselves for loss of business for periods between 12 months and three years. A 12-month policy will be 50 per cent less than a three-year one."

Great strides in contingency planning have, undoubtedly, been made since last year's bomb. But opinion is divided over how well the City would survive another attack.

TEMPUS

Questions over recovery

THE subdued reponse from stock and gilt-edged markets to the confirmation of the end of the recession demonstrated two things: first that a modest recovery has been fully discounted in share prices since the start of the year, and second that investors are still cautious about the nature and the pace of such a recovery.

They have good reason to be. Manufacturing output rose by around 2 per cent in the first quarter, showing that companies are making use of the competitive advantage handed to them by sterling's devaluation last September. But retail sales growth of 1.2 per cent is not far behind, contrary to original hopes that the recovery would be purely manufacturing-driven.

Several special factors helped retail sales in the first quarter. Retailers discounted heavily in the January sales to bring consumers back to the high street. Retailers and distributors have also absorbed most of the impact of sterling's devaluation, so consumers have not been deterred by a rise in prices.

The City hopes retail sales growth will subside as the year progresses, while the manufacturing sector continues to expand strongly. This may indeed happen since low earnings growth and high unemployment should continue to depress spending. If not, the trade deficit will continue to worsen, and investors could have an unpleasant shock when full trade figures resume in July. Any suggestion of another consumer boom could reawaken inflationary fears in the gilts market, and the last thing the government wants now is a further steepening in the yield curve.

Gold

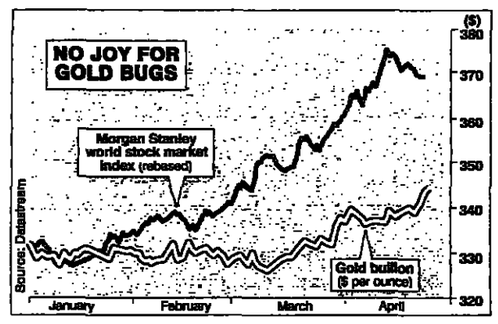
THE gold market has long needed a kicker to move it out of a dreary trend, but beware because every kick leaves a bruise. Yesterday, the market found its kicker in two multi-millionaires, Sir James Goldsmith and George Soros who, like modern-day Pied Pipers, have set the feet of the gold market and all associated gold shares tapping.

Gold has witnessed six reasonable rallies in the past three years, of which the strongest (in dollar terms) was a 20 per cent rise when Kuwait was invaded in August 1990.

Other rallies have, however, been confined to the 5.5 per cent to 8.6 per cent range. This is modest growth indeed by global standards. Despite the latest rally gold has underperformed world equities by more than 20 per cent since the start of January.

In sterling, gold has yet to shine. The metal stood at £227 an ounce in March and £220 yesterday, and is also lower in yen and marks. The metal and shares will continue to generate excitement for a while yet, but Sir James has only sold one quarter of his Newmont holding at an estimated $1-a-share profit, and every rally of note has been brought to a halt by aggressive producer selling.

Low inflation is no friend to gold at present, and individual interest in the metal is still slack. Goldsmith and Soros have made more fortunes than they have lost. Others should jump off the current gold wagon before the music stops.



Boots

YESTERDAY'S events at Boots reawakened all the City's doubts about the group's continuing presence in the pharmaceutical industry. In the morning its shares rose as it acquired two small healthcare companies, but by the afternoon the picture turned gloomy when the group revealed problems with Manoplax, the heart drug whose qualities it has been heavily touting round the City for years.

While there are benefits in manufacturing as well as distributing over-the-counter drugs, it is difficult for Boots to compete against the leading drug groups, which are increasingly moving into the OTC field as regulation curbs profits on proprietary medicines. Manoplax was never likely to make substantial profits even before yesterday's announcement, which will cut dosage. There is little else in the R&D pipeline. Boots simply does not have the funds to compete against the likes of SmithKline Beecham and Glaxo.

The group would be better to sell out and concentrate on its other retail chains, which badly need attention. Its half share in Do It All, the DIY chain, is a running sore, while Halfords, Children's World and others generate nearly £630 million in sales but add almost nothing to the bottom line. If these could be made to earn proper margins, Boots' shareholders would be assured of above-average growth for some time to come.

Farnell

Farnell Electronics' profit figures need some stripping down to discover underlying performance. The results include a £6.4 million one-off profit from the tax-driven disposal of a subsidiary, while the group also cut its tax bill by £2.2 million after it offset losses from its German subsidiary against mainstream British tax.

To be fair to Farnell, the group subtracted these from its adjusted earnings figure, which rose 4 per cent to 17.2p, a far cry from the 32 per cent rise in profits. Nevertheless the group achieved organic growth of 6.5 per cent. Farnell's strong cash generation has transformed debts of £14 million at the start of 1992 into net cash of £3 million today. The funds will be used in the group's expansion into Europe. After five years of spadework, the German operation should be profitable this year. Earnings should also be boosted by a recovery in the small manufacturing division. The shares trade on an expensive 19 times sustainable earnings for the current year, but should not be sold.

Moss Bros

WHILE many menswear chains have struggled in recession, the tills at Moss Bros have been busy with a 5.5 per cent like-for-like increase in sales. Given its significant success on the high street, the group should be less cautious about expansion and acquisitions. It is sitting on £14 million of cash, largely the proceeds of the sale of its Covent Garden store four years ago, which could be put to more profitable use. With retail assets and space still relatively cheap, Moss Bros should be looking for better returns on its funds.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

A tale of two towers

AS BROKERS and bankers passed the devastated remains of their offices yesterday, imagine how those among them with regular subscriptions to *Building* magazine must have felt. Just a month ago, the trade weekly reported that property managers working at National Westminster's 41-storey tower were so unnerved by the underground blast that shut down New York's World Trade Centre earlier this year that they had launched their own investigation into how to avoid an IRA attack. "What if, they are asking themselves nervously, the IRA targeted Richard Seifert's landmark tower?", *Building* said on March 26. "And what are the conclusions of this laudable investigation?", the article went on to ask. "I don't know," one NatWest director was quoted as saying. "But I wouldn't like to be on the top floor if a bomb went off." Yesterday *Building*'s editor seemed a tad sheepish about his magazine's prescience. "I was hoping no one would spot that story." Peter Bill said.

Gentlemanly act

MEMBERS of the City of London Club, denied access to their bomb-damaged Old Broad Street headquarters yesterday, have been offered temporary refuge in the City University Club. But unfortunately for the clubless, the kind offer came too late to avoid cancellation of this year's annual meeting. Billy Carbutt, president of the City of London Club and a partner at Ernst & Young, says: "This is the second time in a year we've been blown out. But we don't know how bad the damage is because we can't get in. If it's not structural, we'll just board up the windows and move in again." The club now has a temporary office at Laing & Cruickshank. But those in need of a stiff drink had best avoid Corney & Barrow down the street. Its Old Broad St staff have been relocated to other bars and restaurants as building surveyors and structural engineers complete their work.

Come all ye faithful

SHELL-SHOCKED City dealers in search of some good cheer get a chance this Thursday to celebrate Christmas eight months early. Brian Winterflood's annual April Christmas Party, first held back in 1988 because the newly launched Winterflood Securities could not afford a Christmas party at Christmas, starts at 5.30 pm at the Institute of Accountants on Copthall Avenue. Every dealer in the City is invited to the yuletide revel. Proceeds from raffles will go to Remedi, the medical trust.



Lasagne version

SOME red faces were clearly in evidence at Britain's largest food exhibition yesterday. Agriculture minister John Gummer made a beeline for British food producers and distributors, singling out the stall of the government-sponsored Food From Britain. Organisers of the 8th International Food and Drink Exhibition at Earl's Court saw the dilemma immediately and tried to steer journalists away from the stand as the cabinet minister approached. Food From Britain had proudly displayed a traditional British dish — lasagne.

He's no oldie

ANTI-AGEISTS, stung last year by Sir Michael Checkland's insistence that Marmaduke Hussey was too old and out-of-touch at age 70 to chair the BBC, yesterday were given some cause for celebration. SmithKline Beecham, the health group, has chosen to replace its existing 59-year-old chairman with one two years older. Sir Peter Walters, the former BP chairman and now chairman of Blue Circle, will be 62 when he takes over the reins next April. Sir Peter certainly seems fit for the post: every day, even Sundays, he takes a four-mile walk in the park. Sailing and golf also keep him on form.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Open years must be closed to secure 'safety' of Lloyd's

From H. H. Marcus

Sir, The publication of Lloyd's business plan is expected with interest and by many with trepidation.

All the indications are that no help will be given to Names suffering crippling losses — will they be sacrificed on the altar of expediency?

May I urge the authorities in Lime Street that out of a sense of self preservation — if of nothing else — open years must be closed.

We are told that this year's losses will be £2.4 billion and probably more — the debt has virtually become uncollectable, unless open years are closed.

The flood of litigation will continue, the story of incompetence and disaster will be constantly exposed in the press — the belief that Lloyd's has become "unsafe" will grow.

Not only will there be little incentive for anyone to pledge more capital — what is worse — the public wishing to take out policies will prefer to go to solid tariff companies with a massive investment basis.

This will be the end of what was once such a great and honourable institution.

But how is it to be done — if Lloyd's wishes to stay in business claims have to be paid. It should not be beyond the wit of men to create reinsurance over a long period of time — it will cost money, Names realise that they will have to pay more — but it is in everyone's interest that the uncertainty of the open years comes to an end — if you lose money in Monte Carlo at least you can walk out — at Lloyd's you cannot do this!

Yours sincerely,
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SW7.

EC concept of uniform energy prices is flawed

From Mr Graham A. Weale

Sir, Ross Tieman's article (April 12) on European energy liberalisation reflected one of the oft-stated EC objectives — that there should be uniform electricity and gas prices across Europe — but this concept is fundamentally flawed.

The geographical position and natural resource base of member states varies enormously. Even if unit labour costs and all other factors of energy production were identical, there would still be material differences in the average cost of energy production.

The European Commission is going too far in seeking to even out energy prices. Once it has removed barriers to all economic trade in both energy and the various factors of production it should return to the side lines.

No country has a monopoly of geographical advantages. Those that can produce energy most cheaply will be able to offer their citizens cheaper fuel and also attract more energy-intensive industry.

Countries with different natural advantages should be allowed to see both industry and the local population benefit accordingly.

Yours faithfully,
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Letters to the Business and Finance section of The Times can be sent by fax on 071-782 5112.

Duty to act for all members

From Mr Stephen Schick

Sir, If John Rew, chairman of the Writs Response Group of Lloyd's Members' (Letter, April 21) is as confident as he suggests that his members have a sound defence in law against Lloyd's claims against them, why is he worried about legal action? In fact, it is clear that he is merely trying — by means of threats of "embarassment to Lloyd's" and a "rerun of last year's EGM" — to frighten Lloyd's into not pursuing its claims.

Lloyd's has a duty to act for its whole membership. If the small minority of Names, represented by Mr Rew, succeed in refusing to settle their debts, the burden will simply fall on the rest of the membership who are already facing substantial losses.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN SCHICK,
Garden Flat,
34 Tite Street,
SW3.

Dialogue vital for Britain's industrial future

From Mr Roger Lyons

Sir, Simon Brown, director general of The Machine Tool Technologies Association, is right in his assessment (Fresh vision needed to stimulate UK manufacturing, Business Letters, April 23) that dialogue between all parties involved in industry is critical to securing our future as an industrial nation.

MSF [the Manufacturing, Science and Finance union], has been calling for a manufacturing forum, under the auspices of the department of trade and industry, to bring together financiers, industrialists and trade unions to help forge a consensus on the causes of decline, and the nature of the remedies and responsibilities, for success in the future.

With 250,000 members working in manufacturing, the MSF union has a wealth of knowledge and experience to contribute to such a forum.

Now that so many people, from all sides of industry, are backing the call for such an exchange of ideas, the government should take heed and set in motion the dialogue that could throw up the fresh and innovative ideas currently missing from economic policy.

Yours faithfully,
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Exempt	81.71	83.87	...	3.60
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Smlr Cos Acc	88.15	94.28	-1.92	1.35
-do- Inc	81.53	87.19	-1.78	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	54.79	58.60	-1.57	...
-do- Inc	53.77	57.51	-1.54	...
Euro Gth Acc	96.66	103.38	-0.63	1.07
-do- Inc	95.34	101.97	-0.62	1.07
Mngd P folio	33.67	36.01	-0.33	1.46
Pacific Growth	93.74	100.26	-1.18	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	83.16	88.94	-2.07	0.67

BROWN SHIPLEY
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Financial	119.80	127.50	+0.10	3.38
Smaller Cos Acc	282.40	302.30	+3.00	...
Smaller Cos Inc	164.20	175.70	+1.70	1.23
High Inc	69.99	75.15	-0.03	6.98
Income	124.80	133.50	-0.30	4.12
Mngd P folio Inc	91.90	97.87	-0.31	3.03
-do- Acc	173.70	185.00	-0.50	...
North American	96.50	102.80	-1.90	0.21
Orient	113.40	122.40	-1.20	...
Recovery	38.25	41.12	+0.35	2.72
German	40.90	43.87	-0.36	0.09
Intl Growth	31.43	33.47	-0.55	0.23
European Inc	21.87	23.54	-0.16	0.48

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542
Dealing: 071 247 7474

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	61.43	65.36	-0.41	1.20
-do- Acc	69.25	73.68	-0.47	1.16
Income Fund 5	209.10	222.50	-1.10	4.09
-do- Acc	496.60	517.70	-2.50	4.02
Inv Portfolio	65.99	68.39	-0.67	2.03
-do- Acc	74.52	77.23	-0.75	2.03
Smaller Cos	124.40	132.40	-0.10	1.86
-do- Acc	149.40	159.00	-0.10	1.88
High Inc P folio	59.84	62.02	-0.29	4.73

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7216

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Shi Gilt Fxd Inc	65.66	66.55	-0.02	6.04

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5060

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	133.60	142.20	-0.60	1.68
UK Growth	145.10	154.40	-0.80	2.05
UK Income	121.40	129.20	-0.10	4.23

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
081 902 8876

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
SE Asia	78.76	84.23	-2.11	1.09
Growth	44.16	47.23	-0.16	3.03
Income	53.37	57.08	+0.03	4.26
Far East	45.46	48.62	-0.47	0.16
North American	73.61	79.15	-2.68	0.01
Global	78.29	83.74	-1.48	0.79
European	66.91	71.56	-0.41	1.75
Japan	103.00	110.20	-1.40	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	56.22	59.58	-1.13	5.38
UK Cap Gwth	77.72	83.12	-0.01	2.16

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
Enquiries: 061 236 5685
Dealing: 061 236 5362

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	118.40	126.00	-3.80	0.16
-do- Acc	125.90	134.00	-4.00	0.16
European	64.13	67.94	-0.48	1.05
-do- Acc	66.47	70.42	-0.50	1.05
Far East Gen	59.51	63.31	-0.78	...
-do- Acc	59.51	63.31	-0.78	...
Glentriars	235.00	250.00	-3.10	0.98
-do- Acc	264.50	281.40	-3.60	0.98
Growth	374.10	400.20	-0.50	2.64
-do- Acc	640.30	684.90	-1.00	2.64
Income Growth	373.60	397.50	+1.30	4.04
-do- Acc	496.80	528.60	+1.80	4.04
Master Portfolio	9236.0	9565.0	-35.00	2.77
-do- Acc	10689.0	11069.0	-42.00	2.77
Special Sits	85.93	91.42	-0.13	2.53
-do- Acc	100.56	106.98	-0.15	2.53
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1207.0	1245.0	-3.00	4.49
-do- Acc	1397.0	1441.0	-4.00	4.49

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Index	176.80	188.40	-4.40	1.75
Capital	522.90	558.00	-3.00	2.39
Eurotrack 100	125.10	133.20	-0.70	1.55
Euro Gth	77.80	82.84	-0.34	1.40
Far East Growth	84.66	90.35	-1.84	0.14
Global Bond	22.84	24.06	-0.23	6.22
Hong Kong	73.31	78.23	-0.09	0.58
Income	494.50	522.70	-1.90	3.95
Intl Growth	69.80	74.58	-1.25	1.02
Japan Growth	244.00	260.40	-5.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	30.53	32.58	-0.76	...
Japan Index	71.75	76.57	-1.13	0.25
Nth American	394.10	420.50	-9.30	1.03
S pore Mly Gth	49.59	52.92	-0.73	...
The Footsie Fd	106.10	112.00	-0.90	2.63
Tiger Index	130.30	139.00	-2.00	0.72
Triple Index	103.30	110.20	...	2.60
UK Index	121.50	129.60	-0.80	3.00

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American P folio	78.01	83.30	-1.12	1.00
European P folio	70.64	75.15	-0.14	1.38
Japanese P folio	59.69	63.32	-0.74	...
Pacific P folio	93.28	100.31	-0.58	1.17
Cazenove P folio	68.88	73.67	-0.26	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.48	66.00	-0.20	5.00
Utility & Bond	49.56	50.17	-0.21	7.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	605.20	612.50	...	4.72
Fixed Int	155.75	156.30	...	9.28
Deposit	5.70	...	5.82	...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	590.99	597.49	...	5.00
-do- Acc	2331.6	2337.6	...	...
Deposit	5.66	...	5.77	...
Fxd Int Inc	127.00	127.01	...	9.13
-do- Acc	167.75	167.79	...	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1
071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	62.01	65.27	+0.30	2.31
Beckman Intl	61.12	65.68	...	3.10
Friars Hse Inc	179.91	193.45	+2.46	6.02
Friars Hse Cap	247.97	266.63	+1.73	2.73

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222
Dealing: 081 686 9818

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan Gth Acc	38.68	41.15	-0.60	...
Managed	60.56	64.42	-0.49	2.79
-do- Acc	73.13	77.80	-0.59	2.79
Smaller Cos	33.56	35.70	+0.07	1.89
-do- Acc	37.81	40.22	+0.09	1.89
UK General	67.38	71.68	-1.52	2.46
-do- Acc	80.78	85.94	-1.82	2.46
Wwide Bd	60.95	64.76	-0.85	6.23
-do- Acc	78.32	83.23	-1.09	6.23
Wwide Sp Sits	53.73	57.47	-0.83	0.22
-do- Acc	55.98	59.87	-0.87	0.22
Quilter General	119.45	127.07	-0.66	2.45
-do- Acc	132.72	141.19	-0.73	2.45
Quilter Income	92.90	98.83	-0.35	3.82
-do- Acc	114.50	121.81	-0.43	3.82
Quilter Intl	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Quilter UK Spec	69.67	74.12	-0.44	1.79
-do- Acc	92.16	98.04	-0.57	1.79
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	91.73	91.73	+0.03	5.50
-do- Acc	91.73	91.73	+0.03	5.50
Fin Property	107.24	114.08	+0.30	1.38
Fixed Conv	41.43	44.07	-0.02	7.27
-do- Acc	108.26	115.17	-0.03	7.27
Equity Inc	143.52	152.68	-0.74	3.48
-do- Acc	460.69	490.10	-2.38	3.48
High Yield	117.60	125.11	-0.48	4.62
-do- Acc	444.09	472.44	-1.81	4.62
Preference	46.33	49.29	-0.63	7.44
-do- Acc	237.85	253.03	-3.29	7.44
PPT Europe	147.06	156.45	-0.48	0.97
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.36	50.38	-0.01	7.98
PPT Global Bnd	80.11	85.09	-1.01	5.91
PPT Gold Com	51.63	54.92	+1.15	...
PPT Oriental Gth	54.80	58.30	-1.13	0.55
PPT Far East Gth	100.43	106.84	-1.32	0.30
PPT Japan	107.63	114.50	-1.85	...
PPT N Amer	139.02	147.89	-4.24	0.13
PPT UK Gth	114.09	121.37	-0.97	1.93

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ
0242 577 555

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	76.55	81.44	-0.28	0.97
Japanese Acc	56.95	60.59	-0.77	...
UK Balncd Inc	125.30	133.30	-0.80	2.52
-do- Acc	146.30	155.60	-0.90	2.52
UK Growth Acc	205.50	218.60	-1.10	2.21
UK High Inc	134.50	143.10	-0.40	6.04
-do- Acc	158.90	169.00	-0.50	6.64
N America Acc	102.60	109.20	-2.70	0.36
European Acc	149.60	159.20	-1.00	0.44
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.95	63.60	-0.09	8.88
-do- Acc	96.75	102.60	-0.20	8.88
Intl Sp Sits Acc	45.23	48.12	-0.62	0.24
Environmntl Opp	71.39	75.95	-0.35	1.46

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	103.30	109.80	-2.40	0.46
UK Smlr Cos	190.20	202.10	+0.10	1.24
Eurofund	36.46	38.64	-0.35	1.04
Mngd Exempt	163.40	170.30	+1.20	3.08
Growth Inc	210.50	223.70	-0.40	3.80
High Dist	138.60	147.30	-0.50	5.26
International	311.20	330.70	-3.70	0.98
Intl Income	77.42	82.65	-1.02	3.15
Pacific	55.39	58.85	-0.45	0.51
Smllr Jap Cos	62.65	66.57	-0.81	...
Tokyo	188.10	199.90	-1.90	...
Japan Exempt	108.40	111.30	-2.20	0.45
Sm Jap Exempt	533.50	548.10	+1.10	0.09

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	113.40	120.50	-2.60	1.18
Australia	6.934	7.357	+0.006	1.09
Equity	183.90	195.00	-1.00	4.37
Euro Spec Sits	137.60	145.80	-0.70	0.58
Financial	38.80	41.23	-0.36	2.94
Global Opps Inc	84.51	89.79	-1.00	2.25
-do- Acc	87.59	93.06	-1.08	2.25
Gold Gen Inc	42.37	45.02	+1.04	0.96
-do- Acc	81.80	86.91	+2.01	0.96
Income	119.30	127.00	-0.40	4.86
Japan General	144.50	153.40	-1.50	...
Preference	21.35	22.68	-0.04	8.00
UK Capital	102.60	109.00	...	3.10
Worldwide Cap	190.90	202.80	-1.30	3.18
World Income	80.52	85.55	-0.87	3.55

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance	170.80	181.60	...	1.11

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW
0296 431480

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pelican	103.32	108.78	...	3.38
High Income	121.08	127.45	...	4.79
Tst of Inv Tsts	140.60	148.00	...	2.20
Special Sits	84.11	88.54	...	2.85
North American	98.20	103.37	...	1.08
Far Eastern	226.27	238.18	...	1.52
Intl Growth	89.81	94.54	...	1.50
European	62.24	65.52	...	2.21
Smaller Cos	70.02	73.71	...	2.21

FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE
0273 220 707

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United Charities	218.10	231.90	..	3.47

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	113.70	120.90	-0.50	...
High Income	24.63	25.92	-0.03	5.78

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	89.79	95.06	-0.67	0.90
Far Eastern	127.90	136.70	-1.50	...
Oseas Income	85.12	91.25	-1.01	2.88
UK Growth	91.45	97.81	-0.14	1.33
UK Income	101.80	108.90	+0.10	3.82
US Smaller Cos	221.40	236.80	-7.30	...

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Smllr Co	384.10	410.70	-10.70	...
-do- Acc	392.40	419.60	-10.90	...
Capital	284.90	303.00	+1.60	1.94
-do- Acc	396.80	422.00	+2.20	1.94
Conti Smllr Cos	46.59	50.15	-0.27	0.93
-do- Acc	48.21	51.89	-0.27	0.93
Convertible	111.50	118.60	...	6.57
-do- Acc	206.30	219.60	...	6.57
European	94.71	101.20	-0.50	0.97
-do- Acc	97.87	104.60	-0.50	0.97
Extra Income	288.70	307.03	+0.40	3.45
-do- Acc	404.30	430.00	+0.70	3.45
Financial	100.50	107.90	-1.70	0.59
-do- Acc	105.30	113.10	-1.70	0.59
Health Fund Inc	100.90	107.70	-2.20	...
-do- Acc	100.90	107.70	-2.20	...
Income Tst	177.60	188.90	-0.40	3.68
-do- Acc	247.50	263.20	-0.70	3.68
Intl Growth	290.20	310.00	-6.00	...
-do- Acc	322.30	344.30	-6.60	...
Japan Gen	160.70	171.70	-2.60	...
-do- Acc	162.30	173.50	-2.50	...
Mngd P folio Inc	87.85	92.47	-0.47	1.04
-do- Acc	92.10	96.94	-0.48	1.04
Monthly Income	147.40	156.70	...	4.12
Recovery	276.20	295.30	-3.10	0.71
-do- Acc	323.50	345.90	-3.50	0.71
Gilt Gth Tst	60.04	61.92	-0.07	6.51
-do- Acc	77.54	79.96	-0.10	6.51

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 411411
Administration: 0722 411622

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	344.99	367.01	-1.97	2.88
-do- Acc	696.57	741.03	-3.97	2.88
Euro Gth Dist	102.57	109.12	-0.74	0.86
-do- Acc	105.64	112.38	-0.75	0.86
Fixed Int Dist	129.12	136.58	-0.25	6.40
-do- Acc	216.92	229.45	-0.42	6.40
Intl Gth Dist	73.13	77.80	-0.96	0.80
-do- Acc	75.66	80.48	-0.98	0.80
Nth Amer Dist	155.67	164.92	-3.89	0.85
-do- Acc	168.82	178.85	-4.22	0.85
Pac Basin Dist	230.15	244.84	-1.97	0.28
-do- Acc	233.79	248.71	-1.99	0.28
Stewardship Dist	297.48	316.47	+0.81	1.89
-do- Acc	351.94	374.40	+0.95	1.89
Stwd Inc Dist	62.40	66.38	+0.05	3.49
-do- Acc	76.45	81.33	+0.05	3.49
N Am Stwd Dist	89.15	94.84	-2.07	...
-do- Acc	94.31	100.33	-2.19	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	128.80	137.50	-3.00	...
European	389.00	413.20	-1.20	1.03
Far East General	210.00	224.60	-2.30	0.32
Germany	96.37	102.00	-0.90	0.44
Global Assets In	65.40	69.89	-0.29	2.31
Global Assets Ac	68.53	73.23	-0.30	2.28
Income Inc	116.30	124.40	+0.30	7.07
International	250.90	268.00	-2.60	1.04
Intl Income	75.48	80.29	-1.00	4.96
Japan General	340.50	361.90	-6.40	...
Smllr Cos Div	46.02	49.22	+0.16	6.17
UK Capital Inc	159.80	170.90	+1.80	3.90
-do- Acc	273.40	292.40	+3.10	3.83
Uk Spec Sits	71.82	76.82	+0.03	1.66
US General	106.90	113.90	-1.20	0.12
W wide Spec Sits	111.00	118.80	-0.80	0.11

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.59	46.58	-0.37	1.65
Cash Trust*	128.27	128.27	+0.04	5.00
Pract Inv Inc	100.18	107.43	-0.52	4.05
-do- Acc	215.07	230.64	-1.11	4.05
UK Smaller Cos	96.21	103.17	+0.36	1.23
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.75	26.47	-0.01	8.01
High Inc	31.12	33.28	-0.10	5.02
UK Equity Inc	126.98	135.81	-0.16	3.91
Global Bond	28.41	28.45	-0.46	5.87
International Funds				
Gold Intl	69.93	74.99	+2.30	1.31
Frontier Markets	38.70	41.50	-0.96	0.43
Global Inc Gth	113.04	120.63	-2.13	2.28
UK Intl	109.75	117.38	-0.29	0.55
Overseas Funds				
American	118.37	126.13	-3.35	0.52
European	79.13	83.91	-0.48	0.69
Euro Sel Opps	91.21	97.23	-0.43	0.85
American Emerg	70.63	75.74	-2.17	...
Hong Kong	106.07	113.75	-0.53	2.04
Japan	200.83	213.69	-3.22	...
Pacific Growth	144.47	154.93	-1.55	0.45

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979
Dealing: 071 588 0526

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	120.94	129.35	-1.17	0.37
American Gth	109.74	117.37	-3.05	...
European Gth	65.98	70.54	-0.77	0.42
German Horizn	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	72.53	77.57	-1.06	...
Pacific Inc	133.55	142.83	-0.19	2.85
Pacific Strategy	112.33	120.14	+0.22	0.25
UK Prog Inc	73.33	77.30	-0.47	4.61
Gt British Cos	48.20	50.78	-0.32	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.07	47.13	-0.21	2.12

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9666

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	130.80	130.80	...	5.82
Gilt Fixed	118.60	125.90	...	6.55
Growth Equity	284.90	304.30	-1.30	2.08
Guardhill	418.90	447.10	-1.60	2.35
Income Trust	108.30	115.70	-0.50	3.39
International	148.50	158.60	-2.40	0.37
Japan Trust	115.90	123.80	-1.60	...
Nth American	234.00	249.90	-5.50	0.49
Pacific	355.40	379.70	-4.00	...
European	333.20	355.90	+2.70	0.56

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838668

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	34.17	36.23	-0.40	1.79
-do- Acc	35.77	37.92	-0.50	1.79
Inc Adv Inc	29.15	30.90	-0.20	4.19
-do- Acc	30.30	32.12	-0.20	4.19

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690390

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Canadian	70.39	75.40	-0.68	0.94
Equity Income	112.40	119.60	-0.30	3.37
European	128.70	137.30	...	0.88
Intl Situation	71.87	76.46	-0.64	...
Japanese	133.30	141.40	-2.50	...
North American	92.09	97.71	-2.39	...
Scandinavian	106.80	112.90	+0.60	0.45
Smaller Cos	29.22	31.09	+0.12	2.06

HENDERSON
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET
Enq 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	82.12	87.82	-2.23	...
Asian Enterprise	120.80	130.62	-0.68	0.93
Australian	130.35	139.39	-1.33	1.54
European	355.31	376.07	-1.81	1.25
European Inc	67.75	71.68	-0.34	3.43
Euro Sml Co	119.08	127.51	-0.41	0.72
Extra Income	255.45	271.94	-0.23	4.57
Family of Funds	68.54	72.94	-0.29	1.30
Fixed Interest	54.81	58.61	-0.09	8.69
Global Resour	90.90	97.57	+1.34	1.00
High Inc	280.07	299.38	-0.34	4.19
Income Gth	234.80	250.05	-0.57	3.34
-do- Acc	590.87	629.26	-1.44	3.34
International	216.23	230.32	-3.02	0.98
Japan Spc Sit	215.74	229.53	-3.46	...
Japan	185.97	197.61	-2.93	...
N Amer	202.72	215.70	-6.63	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	169.62	182.48	-1.88	0.63
Pref Gilt	45.00	48.91	+0.07	8.28
Smaller Cos Div	157.06	171.18	-1.87	4.00
Special Sits	255.28	273.14	-0.40	1.92
-do- Acc	393.36	420.80	-0.61	1.92
Best of British	54.65	58.57	-0.27	2.28
Spirit of the East	56.17	60.02	-0.78	0.55

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	86.95	93.89	-0.40	2.44
Capital	151.80	162.30	-1.20	2.02
Dollar	281.50	301.00	-9.10	0.08
European	189.10	202.20	+0.20	0.59
Far East	219.20	234.40	-4.10	0.53
Financial	664.60	710.80	-1.20	2.51
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.24	26.22	+0.01	8.14
High Yield	98.93	105.80	-0.30	4.77
Income	134.00	143.30	-0.20	3.69
Intl	201.80	215.80	-1.50	0.28
Japan Tech	64.40	68.87	-0.74	...
Nat Resources	54.27	58.04	-0.14	0.24
Security	290.90	311.10	-1.10	2.16
Smaller Cos	106.70	114.10	+0.40	1.53
Special Sits	136.10	145.50	+2.00	1.95
US Smaller Cos	58.97	63.06	...	...

IBI FUND MANAGERS
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN
071 489 8673

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit O seas	236.40	246.90	-2.80	1.48
Capital Gwth	100.00	105.30	...	2.51
Inv Trusts	124.30	130.80	...	0.72

INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	23.56	25.82	+0.20	1.60
Special Features	26.43	28.08	-0.12	1.45
-do- Acc	31.26	33.21	-0.14	1.44
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.12	55.87	-0.26	1.92
Assets Earnings	69.44	73.78	-0.40	1.86
do Acc	81.80	86.69	-0.48	1.86
Managed Invest	82.47	88.12	-0.96	1.26
Rupert Children	73.98	78.94	-0.63	1.67
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.43	50.43	+0.02	4.50
Extra Inc	77.86	83.45	-0.08	4.53
Gilt	27.63	29.08	-0.04	6.64
Income Gth	37.95	40.58	-0.10	3.55
MIMstar	74.38	76.14	-0.09	7.97
Preference	17.72	19.39	-0.01	6.16
UK Income	301.70	322.60	-1.90	3.07
Sector Specialist Funds				
Find Sec	54.60	58.01	-0.44	1.32
Property Shares	59.44	63.15	+0.11	2.12
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	142.50	150.00	-0.20	3.51
European Acc	106.20	112.60	-0.50	1.78
European Dist	101.30	107.20	-0.50	1.80
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	45.24	48.11	-1.46	1.06
European Perf	105.00	111.50	...	1.09
-do- Acc	107.00	113.60	...	1.08
Euro Small Cos	20.50	21.86	-0.04	0.74
French Growth	65.10	69.32	+0.05	0.42
-do- Acc	69.55	74.05	+0.05	0.41
Hong K/China	64.91	69.71	-0.53	1.77
Intl Growth	47.92	50.91	-0.69	0.78
-do- Acc	47.92	50.91	-0.69	0.78
Japan Perf	31.81	33.78	-0.53	...
Accum Units	31.81	33.78	-0.53	...
Japan Smllr Cos	32.64	34.69	-0.74	...
Singapore Asean	72.47	78.74	-0.60	0.42
-do- Acc	72.92	79.23	-0.60	0.42
South East Asia	213.20	230.00	-1.50	1.06
US Smllr Cos	96.43	102.40	-2.40	...
-do- Acc	97.44	103.50	-2.40	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	79.67	84.86	-1.09	2.62
Intl Bond	55.54	56.21	-0.60	6.39

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.17	69.51	+0.02	5.04
Extra Income	50.66	53.89	-0.18	6.79
Gilt Yield	117.60	124.10	-0.40	7.42
Global Income	192.30	204.50	-1.80	4.28
High Yield	131.30	139.70	-0.40	5.92
Smllr Cos Div	46.16	49.11	-0.01	4.44
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	83.35	88.67	-2.36	...
North American	68.74	73.13	-2.08	0.44
European	125.30	133.30	-0.80	0.88
Euro Special	76.01	80.86	-0.33	0.95
General	259.00	275.50	-1.70	3.24
Japan	378.70	402.90	-5.60	...
Japanese Special	201.50	214.40	-6.30	...
Master Acc	207.10	220.30	-2.40	1.40
Pacific	247.80	263.60	-2.50	0.61
Smaller Cos	95.53	101.60	+0.03	2.07
UK Equity Gth	34.23	36.41	-0.81	1.79

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5151

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	71.21	75.76	-0.72	0.91
Extra Income	23.50	25.00	-0.15	3.29
Far East	25.16	26.77	-0.36	0.98
Income Gwth	71.34	75.89	-0.54	2.93
Intl Growth	48.91	52.03	-0.66	0.79
Japan	60.19	64.03	-0.88	...
Maximum Dist*	99.22	101.20	...	6.73
N Amer Equity	35.70	38.04	-0.75	0.50
UK Equity	84.95	93.37	-0.47	2.95

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	52.95	56.33	-0.15	4.44

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	415.40	441.90	-2.80	2.93
Equity Acc	788.50	838.80	-5.40	2.93
Equity Income	89.89	95.63	+0.12	5.17
European	91.59	97.44	-0.76	1.75
Far Eastern	171.00	181.90	-1.20	0.32
Fixed Interest	50.90	54.15	-0.02	6.45
Gilt	88.90	94.27	-0.14	6.52
Global Growth	62.11	66.07	-1.09	0.79
Intl Bond	53.93	57.37	-0.90	4.96
Japanese	64.05	68.14	-0.98	...
Overseas Equity	90.04	95.79	-1.61	0.82
Pacific Gth	81.46	86.66	-0.14	1.29

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF
0634 834313

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	311.20	331.10	-1.30	2.79
-do- Acc	673.80	716.90	-2.90	2.79
Conti Euro Gth	49.05	51.64	-0.50	1.50
-do- Acc	51.87	54.60	-0.53	1.50
Extra Inc	234.30	249.30	-4.10	3.69
-do- Acc	569.60	606.00	-10.30	3.69
German Gth	98.13	103.30	-1.40	0.32
-do- Acc	103.00	108.50	-1.30	0.32
Growth Port	477.10	507.60	-1.40	1.57
-do- Acc	477.10	507.60	-1.40	1.57
Income	438.10	466.10	-1.10	3.50
-do- Acc	1124.0	1196.0	-3.00	3.50
Income Port	479.50	510.20	-0.70	4.41
-do- Acc	484.10	515.10	-0.80	4.41
Japan Growth	88.37	94.02	-1.38	0.01
-do- Acc	88.68	94.35	-1.39	0.01
Master Trust	50.49	53.72	-0.25	1.53
-do- Acc	54.91	58.42	-0.28	1.53
N American Gen	164.80	175.40	-3.80	0.01
-do- Acc	190.40	202.60	-4.40	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	120.60	128.30	-2.70	0.01
-do- Acc	123.10	131.00	-2.70	0.01
Pacific Basin	193.80	206.20	-2.10	0.57
-do- Acc	204.80	217.90	-2.30	0.57
Small Cos Rec	294.20	309.70	-1.60	2.38
-do- Acc	383.00	403.20	+1.70	2.38
UK Growth	76.35	81.23	-1.47	2.23
-do- Acc	89.02	94.71	-1.72	2.23
Worldwide Gth	260.00	276.60	-4.30	0.29
-do- Acc	383.10	407.60	-6.40	0.29

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 282673

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	76.55	82.13	-0.42	3.00
Income	58.59	62.87	-0.27	5.80
International	53.84	57.77	-0.71	0.80
American	54.67	58.66	-1.27	0.40
Japan	49.32	52.92	-0.78	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.54	57.45	-0.33	2.10

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	356.70	376.60	-7.60	0.84
-do- Acc	440.10	464.70	-9.40	0.84
American Rec	381.10	403.00	-8.20	0.20
-do- Acc	436.60	461.70	-9.50	0.20
Am Sm Co Acc	106.70	112.70	-2.20	0.05
Australia Acc	143.90	152.10	+1.00	1.28
Capital	641.10	678.00	-0.90	2.65
-do- Acc	707.40	748.10	-1.00	2.65
Commodity Acc	401.60	424.70	+0.90	0.79
Compnd Gth	804.30	850.60	-2.90	2.94
Dividend	34.70	36.70	-0.20	4.23
-do- Acc	134.90	143.00	-0.60	4.23
Equity Inc	286.80	303.30	+0.40	4.90
European Div	57.30	60.60	-0.40	4.34
-do- Acc	64.70	68.50	-0.40	4.34
European Gen	371.60	393.00	-1.60	1.67
-do- Acc	464.20	491.00	-2.00	1.67
Extra Yield	369.90	391.20	-0.30	4.30
-do- Acc	1081.6	1143.8	-1.00	4.30
Far Eastern	276.70	292.60	-0.20	0.92
-do- Acc	364.00	384.90	-0.30	0.92
Fund of Inv	483.70	511.50	-3.10	2.28
-do- Acc	872.70	923.00	-5.60	2.28
General	52.50	55.50	-0.20	3.59
-do- Acc	138.30	146.30	-0.50	3.59
Gilt Fxd Int	61.60	61.70	...	7.96
do Acc	152.30	152.40	...	7.96
Gold	44.80	47.50	+2.40	1.23
-do- Acc	52.40	55.60	+2.80	1.23
High Inc	24.60	26.00	+0.10	4.59
-do- Acc	91.00	96.20	+0.10	4.59
Intl Growth	65.03	68.93	-0.70	0.92
-do- Acc	112.10	118.80	-1.30	0.92
Intl Inc	88.10	93.20	-0.60	4.66
Japan Gen Acc	45.70	48.40	-0.80	...
Japan Smllr Cos	135.90	143.80	-2.20	...
Midland	51.90	54.90	...	3.66
-do- Acc	166.30	175.70	...	3.66
Recovery	35.70	37.80	...	2.83
-do- Acc	56.10	59.40	...	2.83
Second Gen	59.60	63.00	+0.20	3.62
-do- Acc	145.60	154.10	+0.50	3.62
Smaller Cos	57.10	60.40	+0.20	3.34
-do- Acc	108.20	114.60	+0.50	3.34
Trustee	37.80	40.00	+0.10	3.88
Charibond 3	£111.63	...	...	9.66
Charifund 2	625.70	632.00	-2.20	5.19
Pension ex 1	850.00	871.30	-1.10	4.17
NAACIF Inc 3	346.00	...	+0.30	7.77
-do- Acc 3	£1082.5	...	+2.50	7.77

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG
0244 680044

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	131.80	140.90	-0.84	2.11
-do- Acc	146.30	156.50	-0.84	2.11
UK Income	111.70	119.40	-0.33	2.75
-do- Acc	124.50	133.20	-0.33	2.75

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	73.94	79.07	-0.86	0.64
Far East (Pacific)	128.30	136.10	-1.40	0.70
Income Growth	71.34	75.73	-0.07	4.17
European	64.90	68.89	+0.04	1.35
Nth American	53.43	56.71	-1.07	1.17
UK Growth	74.64	79.23	-0.30	1.63
Intl Growth	87.54	92.93	-1.00	0.60
Charities	108.10	114.70	-0.30	4.07

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	66.21	70.28	-0.31	4.55
Japan	48.91	51.92	-0.57	0.08

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	175.00	185.70	-3.60	...
-do- Acc	187.00	198.50	-3.80	...
Cash	100.20	100.20	-1.00	5.61
-do- Acc	128.80	128.80	...	5.61
European Gth	185.40	196.60	-1.10	0.81
-do- Acc	198.50	210.50	-1.10	0.81
General	451.80	482.00	-1.00	2.52
-do- Acc	859.50	916.90	-1.80	2.52
Global Dist	128.20	134.80	-0.90	5.42
-do- Acc	143.40	150.70	-1.20	5.42
Income	136.20	145.30	+0.20	4.69
-do- Acc	199.30	212.60	+0.30	4.69
International	363.80	387.80	-5.00	0.72
-do- Acc	482.50	514.50	-6.50	0.72
Japan	167.00	177.20	-2.50	...
-do- Acc	171.40	181.90	-2.50	...
New Europe	131.80	140.60	-0.40	1.85
-do- Acc	133.80	142.80	-0.50	1.85
Recovery	287.20	306.40	+0.70	2.93
-do- Acc	363.20	387.50	+0.90	2.93
European Inc	71.40	75.93	-0.54	3.21
-do- Acc	90.65	96.32	-0.68	3.21
Brit Blue Chip	70.96	75.63	-0.08	3.33
-do- Acc	83.69	89.19	-0.10	3.33
Portfolio	71.66	76.40	-0.17	2.97
-do- Acc	81.73	86.88	-0.19	2.97
Gold General	87.02	93.58	+5.92	1.00
-do- Acc	88.22	94.87	+5.92	1.00
Pacific	86.01	91.75	-0.80	0.91
-do- Acc	90.92	96.99	-0.84	0.91
UK Smaller Cos	50.21	53.56	+0.15	2.11
-do- Acc	56.03	59.77	+0.16	2.11

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD
Dealing: 0742 528 200
Enquiries: 0742 529 076

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	55.74	59.62	-0.35	3.35
-do- Acc	56.59	60.52	-0.35	3.35
British Dist	75.06	80.28	-0.63	2.43
-do- Acc	84.97	90.88	-0.71	2.43
European Gth	161.60	172.50	-0.10	0.16
-do- Acc	202.50	216.50	-0.20	0.16
Extra High Inc	66.91	71.56	-0.06	6.71
-do- Acc	117.70	125.90	-0.10	6.71
FT-SE 100 Index	47.30	50.59	-0.44	2.96
-do- Acc	47.30	50.59	-0.44	2.96
Gilt Fixed Int	55.51	57.78	-0.09	7.12
-do- Acc	146.00	152.00	-0.20	7.12
High Yield	215.00	229.90	-0.50	5.10
-do- Acc	489.40	522.70	-1.10	5.10
Income	273.10	292.10	-1.00	3.81
-do- Acc	567.80	607.30	-2.00	3.81
Japan Gth	312.70	334.40	-4.20	...
-do- Acc	330.00	352.90	-4.50	...
Mandarin Acc	91.69	98.06	-1.01	1.67
North American	151.40	161.90	-4.60	0.57
-do- Acc	190.30	203.50	-5.80	0.57

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealing: 071 826 0826
Enquiries: 071 826 0123

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	236.60	251.90	-6.10	...
Deposit Inc	100.09	100.09	+0.04	5.82
Deposit Acc	122.04	122.04	+0.04	5.82
Euro Gth Acc	256.60	274.30	-1.00	...
Europa	117.50	127.30	+0.40	...
Intl Gth	158.10	168.80	-2.10	...
Japan Tracker	69.98	74.08	-0.95	...
UK Equity Inc	143.30	154.40	+0.10	4.26
-do- Acc	175.50	189.20	+0.10	4.26
UK Ind Tracker	139.50	149.50	-0.80	3.24
US Eq Ind Trkr	173.90	186.40	-0.90	1.56
-do- Acc	186.10	197.20	-4.30	1.56
Asian Trader	144.90	157.10	-0.70	0.50

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Inc	132.60	136.20	-2.90	2.46
European	59.06	60.41	-0.20	0.91
Olympiad	51.14	52.47	-0.47	0.41
Global Bond	47.06	47.59	-0.14	6.62
Smaller Cos	63.89	66.49	-0.02	1.24
Equity Income	91.55	93.73	-0.67	5.13
UK Growth	81.10	83.11	-0.72	2.08

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222
Dealing: 0705 387738

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Acc	43.11	45.98	-0.90	0.88
Australian Acc	285.10	305.90	-2.50	...
Conscience	61.86	66.01	-1.04	1.08
-do- Acc	66.43	70.89	-1.10	1.08
European	159.50	170.10	-1.10	1.14
-do- Acc	171.60	183	-1.10	1.14
Extra Income	71.52	76.32	-0.15	5.82
-do- Acc	108.20	115.40	-0.20	5.82
Far East Gth	150.40	160.70	-1.00	0.06
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.37	60.72	-0.20	6.52
Gold	34.90	37.52	+2.33	...
-do- Acc	37.58	40.40	+2.33	...
Income	51.38	54.80	-0.12	5.13
-do- Acc	154.10	164.30	-0.30	5.13
International	27.24	29.22	-0.40	1.16
-do- Acc	39.14	41.99	-0.57	1.16
Jap Sm Cos Acc	293	312.50	-5.50	...
S pore Mly Acc	160.30	171.50	-0.70	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.44	26.27	+0.04	1.83
Special Sits	31.51	33.89	-0.08	1.80
-do- Acc	35.39	38.02	-0.09	1.80
Tokyo	77.77	82.95	-1.02	...
-do- Acc	78.55	83.78	-1.05	...

N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	66.44	70.69	-0.43	2.94
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.93	78.24	-0.17	7.42
N&P Higher Inc	189.80	202.00	+0.30	4.92
N&P UK Income	100.16	106.56	-0.19	4.08
N&P Intl	83.94	89.30	-0.48	1.98
N&P Smaller Cos	73.65	78.36	+0.01	1.66

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA
071 407 4404

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	154.56	164.43	-1.26	2.33
Global	263.30	280.11	-4.10	1.14
Growth	103.31	109.91	-0.32	2.55
Income	194.18	206.58	-1.06	4.40
Intl Bond	122.22	129.69	-0.91	6.49

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	136.50	143.60	-0.50	2.51
-do- Acc	236.40	248.80	-0.70	2.51
Income	212.30	225.80	-0.80	3.58
Intl Equity	209.50	222.80	-2.40	0.99
-do- Acc	229.30	243.90	-2.70	0.99
Equity	213.50	227.10	-0.90	2.38
-do- Acc	432.90	460.40	-1.90	2.38
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.08	71.36	-0.38	1.95
UK Income	59.06	62.83	-0.13	3.05
UK Smllr Co Acc	70.45	74.94	+0.21	1.53
New Europe Acc	58.49	62.21	-0.52	1.43

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames
0491 417000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	84.91	90.82	-0.20	0.22
PEP Gth Inc	94.09	100.64	-0.82	1.11
Intl Gth	447.82	478.96	-1.17	0.76
Income	286.56	306.49	-2.18	3.52
W wide Recov	282.07	301.66	-1.43	0.58
American Gth	184.53	197.36	-1.85	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	171.82	183.77	-0.36	0.05
Far East Gth	197.93	211.69	-1.09	0.01

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gth	108.30	115.83	-0.37	1.18
UK Growth	74.17	79.33	+0.01	3.04
High Income	80.28	85.87	-0.01	4.55
Japanese Gth	193.97	206.36	-2.66	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International	162.90	173.30	-2.40	0.92
High Income	104.80	111.50	-0.30	3.58
Conv Gilt	108.10	115.00	-0.20	6.43
Far East	287.30	305.60	-0.20	0.40

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	45.07	47.95	-1.25	0.61
Emerging Mkts	59.64	63.45	-1.22	0.23
General	46.34	49.30	-0.40	3.47
International	79.15	84.20	-1.32	1.35
Gilt Units	25.12	26.10	-0.89	8.15
Global PEP	33.52	35.66	-0.49	2.19
Income Gth	63.43	67.48	-0.09	5.21
European	41.07	43.69	-0.24	1.21
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.37	26.99	-0.06	6.17

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314
Pricebank: 0426 925091

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst**	29.57	31.62	-0.28	1.64
Pru Cash Hvn Inc	101.68	101.68	+0.03	5.27
-do- Acc	104.76	104.76	+0.04	5.27
Pru Equity	638.84	683.25	-5.22	2.48
Pru Equity Inc	78.83	84.31	-0.39	4.50
Pru European	164.79	176.24	-0.66	1.91
Pru Global Gth	75.70	80.96	-0.78	1.59
Pru High Inc	85.04	90.95	-0.26	5.65
Pru Intl	150.53	160.99	-2.10	1.34
Pru Intl Sm Co	63.34	67.74	-0.96	0.95
Pru Japanese	182.51	195.19	-1.98	...
Pru Nth Amer	130.87	139.96	-4.22	0.50
Pru Pacific Mkt	69.56	74.39	-0.81	1.89
Pru Premr Inc	48.56	50.57	-0.04	7.57
Pru Smllr Cos	80.67	86.27	+0.18	2.00
Pru Spec Sits	95.56	102.20	-0.81	2.27
Pru UK Grwth	106.76	114.18	-0.84	2.37

** Formerly Holborn Trust

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
NC Income	151.35	162.98	-0.21	3.64
NC Japan	249.95	267.88	-4.13	...
NC Maj UK Cos	91.58	98.57	-0.64	2.44
NC America Inc	436.68	468.71	-9.70	0.91
-do- Acc	507.21	544.41	-11.26	0.91
NC Smlr UK Cos	251.06	273.45	+0.20	1.55
NC European	242.34	258.93	-1.86	1.35

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	67.61	71.92	-1.37	4.06
Capital Units	137.70	146.40	-1.50	1.43
Commodity	94.49	100.50	+0.93	1.30
European Gth	144.30	153.50	-1.50	1.42
Financial Sec	165.80	176.30	-1.90	1.91
High Return	209.90	223.20	-0.60	4.57
High Yield	200.20	212.90	-0.70	3.79
Income Units	107.90	114.70	-0.10	4.80
Investment	165.40	175.90	-1.40	1.13
Japan Gth	138.50	147.30	-1.90	...
Japan Smaller	168.30	179.00	-2.40	...
Masterfund	44.00	46.80	-0.39	0.96
Scotbits	241.20	256.50	-2.60	1.64
Scotshares	349.80	365.70	+2.10	2.65
Scotyields	218.40	232.30	-0.60	4.01
Select Intl	121.70	129.40	-1.60	0.76
Smaller Cos	217.00	230.80	+1.50	4.17
Special Situation	108.70	115.60	+1.20	0.73
UK Equity	218.90	232.80	-1.10	2.88
US Growth	126.50	134.50	-3.50	0.36

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Line: 0800 526 535. Broker Line: 0800 526 540

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	216.70	231.14	-3.79	0.60
-do- Acc	234.11	249.71	-4.09	0.60
Australian	127.84	136.36	-0.28	0.88
-do- Acc	150.29	160.31	-0.33	0.88
UK Enterprise	204.72	218.36	+0.36	2.60
-do- Acc	236.49	252.24	+0.41	2.60
European Gth	58.12	61.99	-0.41	1.32
-do- Acc	60.16	64.17	-0.42	1.32
Euro Smllr Cos	54.91	58.57	-0.28	0.35
-do- Acc	55.29	58.97	-0.28	0.35
Far Eastern Gth	64.38	68.67	-1.05	...
-do- Acc	65.42	69.78	-1.06	...
Fixed Interest	51.33	54.13	-0.18	8.80
-do- Acc	62.34	65.74	-0.22	8.80
Gilt Income	101.29	106.76	-0.58	8.55
-do- Acc	141.47	149.10	-0.78	8.55
Income	301.67	321.78	-0.08	4.04
-do- Acc	889.84	949.18	-0.13	4.04
Japan Enterprise	61.04	65.10	-1.02	...
-do- Acc	61.04	65.10	-1.02	...
Japan Smllr Cos	405.49	430.38	-7.25	...
-do- Acc	404.29	431.24	-7.36	...
Pacific Gth	86.75	92.53	-0.53	0.46
-do- Acc	89.33	95.27	-0.55	0.46
Smaller Cos	183.03	195.23	+0.25	1.04
-do- Acc	209.76	223.74	+0.28	1.04
Tokyo	96.79	103.24	-1.25	...
-do- Acc	97.76	104.28	-1.27	...
UK Equity	202.02	215.48	-0.48	2.74
-do- Acc	374.11	399.05	-0.89	2.74
US Smllr Cos	121.34	129.42	-2.54	...
-do- Acc	121.34	129.42	-2.54	...
World Fd	67.52	72.02	-0.52	1.70
-do- Acc	71.19	75.93	-0.55	1.70

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	43.47	46.70	+0.25	4.43
Equity Strategy	63.36	67.48	+0.13	1.80
European Opps	69.86	74.40	-0.16	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.57	101.12	+0.04	5.43
UK Smaller Cos	49.82	53.17	+0.47	3.21

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	336.60	359.80	-2.40	2.81
American	224.50	238.30	-6.90	0.95
Pacific	306.90	328.20	-3.70	0.68
European	436.70	467.10	-3.90	1.21
Worldwide	75.14	80.36	-0.79	1.26

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	297.00	316.00	-1.30	2.61
UK Sm Cos Eqty	197.40	210.00	+1.90	2.14
European	317.90	338.20	-1.70	2.11
North American	230.80	245.60	-6.30	0.56
Income Plus Inc	64.19	68.29	+0.03	3.69
UK Spec Sits	66.07	70.29	-0.12	2.40

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2341/2/3

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	34.85	36.60	-0.11	2.93
Intl Growth Acc	27.49	29.42	-0.14	1.40
Global Inc Acc	30.24	32.37	-0.21	3.80
Market Lnkd Acc	25.68	27.49	...	2.89

SG TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	74.95	80.16	-2.53	...
Euro Spec Sits	43.63	46.39	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	46.20	49.12	-0.21	...
Far East Opps	29.99	32.26	-0.07	...
-do- Acc	30.82	33.15	-0.07	...

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General Growth	97.17	104.10	-0.50	2.03
Global Tech	105.90	114.50	-2.00	...
Income Growth	100.40	108.00	+0.10	3.40
Income Monthly	56.81	60.75	+0.32	4.23
Japan Growth	75.19	79.96	-1.02	...
Overseas Gth	70.77	75.35	-1.40	...
Smaller Cos	70.77	76.09	+0.36	1.61
Special Opps	100.10	107.60	+0.60	2.15
Wld Spec Sits	44.25	47.68	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	44.35	47.70	-0.70	...

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	194.34	..	...	...
Global Bond	193.01	...	...	7.50
Japan Samurai	194.34	..	...	...
UK Growth	194.34	..	...	4.20

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
0800 393777

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	42.56	45.22	-0.50	1.83
Equity Gth Acc	57.91	61.53	-0.30	1.53
UK Eq General	41.16	43.74	-0.50	2.34
-do- Acc	54.42	57.83	-0.60	2.34
European Acc	39.78	42.27	-0.30	1.19
Far East Acc	51.83	55.07	-0.90	0.31
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.81	31.53	...	6.78
N American Acc	39.90	42.40	-1.10	0.83
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	258.20	280.20	-5.00	1.54
UK Eq High Inc	34.69	36.86	-0.10	3.84
-do- Acc	41.19	43.77	-0.10	3.84
UK Lgr Cos Inc	284.40	308.60	-2.60	3.79
UK Lgr Cos Acc	370.30	401.80	-3.40	3.79

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A	N283.56	N283.79	...	1.16
US Eq	$2.081	$2.210	...	0.70
Far East Eq	Y235.4	Y250.0	...	...
Japan Eq	Y235.2	Y257.0	...	...
FT Europe	110.80	117.60	...	2.15
FT North Am	$1.702	$1.805	...	1.08
FT Japan	Y229.6	Y243.9	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.828	$1.941	...	1.75

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031 226 3271

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	312.40	332.00	-8.60	0.33
British	915.70	968.80	-2.50	4.35
European	379.00	403.60	-2.60	1.47
Japan	132.90	141.10	-1.90	...
New Pacific	279.90	298.10	-5.80	1.32
Mngd Cash	95.61	95.61	+0.03	4.95
Majority Stlg	99.78	100.78	+0.03	4.90
Inv Tst	179.20	189.90	-1.10	1.87
Saints PPF	366.90	386.20	...	...

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex
0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690389

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	710.30	759.70	-4.90	2.75
N America Acc	103.40	110.60	-3.10	0.34
Far East Acc	114.30	122.20	-1.80	...
W wide Bond	58.42	62.02	-0.93	5.55
European	79.57	85.10	-0.06	0.29
Equity Income	80.74	86.35	-0.32	3.62

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ
Dealing: 0256 841414

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	31.45	33.64	-0.76	0.64
Managed Assets	114.64	122.63	-0.72	3.27
UK Income	35.87	38.37	-0.17	3.13
UK Growth	35.37	37.83	-0.18	2.39
Worldwide Gth	28.97	30.99	-0.50	0.46

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE
0264 346794

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	187.16	199.11	-5.46	0.01
-do- Acc	205.57	218.69	-6.00	0.01
British Gth	82.45	87.71	-0.64	1.85
-do- Acc	97.01	103.20	-0.75	1.85
European	90.43	96.20	-0.25	0.84
-do- Acc	95.39	101.48	-0.26	0.84
Extra Inc	180.02	191.51	-2.18	3.86
-do- Acc	287.17	305.50	-3.48	3.86
General Unit	254.28	270.48	-1.18	2.48
-do- Acc	501.69	533.71	-2.33	2.48
Income	315.01	335.12	-0.86	3.44
-do- Acc	641.63	682.59	-1.75	3.44
International	454.99	484.03	-6.50	0.52
-do- Acc	595.59	633.60	-8.51	0.52
Pacific	317.44	337.70	-4.46	...
-do- Acc	332.45	353.67	-4.67	...
Premier Income	49.88	51.96	-0.12	6.61
-do- Acc	104.00	108.33	-0.24	6.61
Nat Resources	99.66	106.02	+2.32	0.60
-do- Acc	109.30	116.28	+2.55	0.60
Selected Opps	93.22	99.17	-0.23	1.11
-do- Acc	116.71	124.16	-0.29	1.11

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF
071 493 7262
Dealing: 071 493 8545

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Sml Cos	65.51	69.87	-1.12	...
-do- Acc	67.57	72.07	-1.15	...
Cash	50.38	50.38	+0.02	6.23
-do- Acc	61.53	61.53	+0.02	6.23
European Opps	58.93	62.81	-0.30	0.47
-do- Acc	59.55	63.46	-0.31	0.47
Far East Opps	141.12	150.52	-2.16	...
-do- Acc	144.41	154.03	-2.20	...
Gold/Nat. Res	40.49	43.18	+0.55	...
-do- Acc	41.65	44.42	+0.57	...
Japan	75.85	80.73	+1.14	...
-do- Acc	75.85	80.73	+1.14	...
Little Dragons	63.69	67.93	-0.09	0.73
-do- Acc	65.69	70.06	-0.09	0.73
Oriental Income	40.60	43.30	-0.65	3.67
-do- Acc	51.85	55.30	-0.84	3.67
Tiger	199.53	212.83	-3.74	1.24
-do- Acc	210.16	224.19	-3.94	1.24
UK Small Cos	69.74	74.58	+1.10	2.13
-do- Acc	81.36	87.01	+1.28	2.13

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ
031 225 1551

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	14.55	15.47	+0.82	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.48	31.36	-0.21	0.60
Canadian Gth	34.68	36.89	-0.48	0.10
Global Bond	$0.989	$1.030	+0.009	7.29
Penny Share	21.36	22.72	+0.20	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT
071 606 3132

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Reserve	52.57	52.57	...	5.83
Gilt Growth	65.39	68.04	-0.27	...
Gilt Income	51.45	53.53	-0.19	7.50
Short Drd Gilt	105.90	107.30	-0.20	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.715	$0.725	...	...
Challenger	87.91	89.95	-1.53	...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	66.29	70.52	-0.36	2.13

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	16,000	Carlton Cms	761	Land Secs	379	Scot Hydro	744
Abbey Natl	4,200	Coats Viyella	95	Legal & Gn	793	Scot & New	214
Alld-Lyons	849	Cm Union	1,000	Lloyds Bk	2,000	Scot Power	748
Anglian W	434	Courtaulds	605	MB Cardn	1,400	Sears	3,500
Argyll Gp	2,600	De La Rue	159	Marks Spr	4,000	Svrn Trent	678
Arjo Wiggn	1,100	Eng China C	160	NFC	1,500	Shell Trans	2,600
AB Foods	97	Enterpr Oil	330	NatWst Bk	4,200	Siebe	384
BAA	1,700	Fisons	2,100	Nat Power	2,800	SmKl Bch	751
BAT Inds	1,900	Forte	2,800	Nth Wst W	121	Smith Nph	1,300
BOC	450	GRE	746	Nthrn Fds	1,100	Sthrn Elec	403
BP	3,500	GUS A	613	P & O	1,400	Std Chartd	583
BT	4,800	Gen Acc	1,400	Pearson	555	Sun Allnce	1,400
BTR	3,500	Gen Elec	5,600	PowerGen	953	TI Gp	178
Bk of Scot	1,300	Glaxo	2,200	Prudential	2,100	TSB	6,500
Barclays	4,000	Granada	1,400	RTZ	3,700	Tate & Lyle	1,000
Bass	1,000	Grand Met	1,700	Rank Org	1,300	Tesco	4,200
Blue Circle	3,500	Guinness	2,100	Reckitt Col	170	Thames W	1,100
Boots	6,600	HSBC	1,400	Redland	859	Thrn EMI	850
Bowater	1,500	Hanson	5,100	Reed Intl	1,600	Tomkins	872
Brit Airwys	1,000	ICI	2,700	Rentokil	753	Unilever	769
Brit Gas	3,800	Inchcape	1,400	Reuters	404	Utd Bisc	8,300
Brit Steel	4,700	Kingfisher	941	Rothmans	197	Vodafone	1,000
Burmah Cast	338	Kwik Save	827	Ryl Ins	1,800	Wellcome	615
Cable Wire	1,900	LASMO	936	Ryl Bk Scot	423	Whitbd 'A'	326
Cadbury	4,300	Ladbroke	968	Sainsbury	935	Wlms Hld	682

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3420.52 (+6.75)
S&P Composite 436.98 (-0.05)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 19623.63 (-80.52)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6845.75 (+94.81)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 109.3 (-1.0)

Sydney: AO 1710.1 (+7.5)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1649.81 (-7.29)

FT 30 share: 2222.7 (-17.8)

Brussels:
General 6113.08 (-80.37)

Paris: CAC 524.45 (-3.05)

Zurich: SKA Gen 485.1 (-4.8)

London:
FT A All-Share 1392.17 (-7.67)
FT 500 1518.58 (-8.57)
FT Gold Mines 137.0 (+15.6)
FT Fixed Interest 111.70 (+0.08)
FT Govt Secs 95.52 (-0.20)
Bargains 29508
SEAQ Volume 491.9m
USM (Datastrm) 134.25 (-0.11)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 26	May 7	July 29	August 9

Calls on 26/4/93: ASDA, Avesco, Banner Homes, Caverdale, Crestcare, FNFC, Fairhaven, French Con, Hopkinsons, Lonrho, A Proudfoot, Regalian, Shoprite, SW Wood, Sturge, Tullow, Utd Biscs, Utd Energy, Wstrn Areas. Puts: Farepak, Shoprite, Sturge, Wstrn Areas. Puts & Calls: ASDA, Mid-States, Sturge, Tiphook, Utd Biscs.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2849.0	2849.0	2820.0	2821.0	10321
Previous open interest: 42773	Sep 93	2846.0	2846.0	2846.0	2844.0	100
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	93.85	93.88	93.82	93.83	8102
Previous open interest: 309136	Sep 93	93.83	93.84	93.76	93.79	12232
	Dec 93	93.72	93.74	93.70	93.71	8167
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.79	96.79	96.78	96.79	380
Previous open interest: 17466	Sep 93	96.68	96.68	96.67	96.67	264
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.68	92.70	92.59	92.61	27030
Previous open interest: 530673	Sep 93	93.49	93.51	93.36	93.40	28621
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				111-17	0
Previous open interest: 1	Sep 93				110-08	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	104-22	105-02	104-13	104-30	29071
Previous open interest: 60993	Sep 93	103-24	103-28	103-24	104-04	57
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	109.57	109.57	109.50	109.51	438
	Sep 93				108.81	0
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	95.83	95.84	95.21	95.24	94940
Previous open interest: 147651	Sep 93	95.83	95.90	95.60	95.54	157
Three month ECU	Jun 93	91.77	91.77	91.67	91.70	756
Previous open interest: 20465	Sep 93	92.55	92.60	92.54	92.55	386
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	95.36	95.36	95.29	95.31	4187
Previous open interest: 33804	Sep 93	95.76	95.76	95.71	95.71	598
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	96.85	97.42	96.78	97.25	20260
Previous open interest: 43459	Sep 93	97.08	97.25	97.08	97.23	4

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.5 (day's range 81.3-81.6).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Apr 26	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7973-2.8108	2.7982-2.8016	⅜-¼ds	⅞-1⅛ds
Brussels	51.24-51.59	51.40-51.51	6-11ds	20-27ds
Copenhagen	9.541-9.619	9.541-9.564	3⅛-4⅛ds	9⅛-10⅞ds
Dublin	1.0193-1.0261	1.0215-1.0235	18-24ds	48-58ds
Frankfurt	2.4891-2.4995	2.4891-2.4924	⅜-½ds	1-1¼ds
Lisbon	230.95-232.67	231.51-231.99	221-239ds	542-744ds
Madrid	183.68-184.89	183.92-184.21	129-171ds	363-430ds
Milan	2315.00-2342.70	2315.00-2320.00	9-10ds	27-29ds
Montreal	1.9780-2.0042	2.0002-2.0023	0.29-0.17pr	0.44-0.32pr
New York	1.5835-1.5925	1.5890-1.5900	0.39-0.37pr	2.29-2.25pr
Oslo	10.515-10.591	10.519-10.542	1⅞-2⅜ds	4½-6⅛ds
Paris	8.4110-8.4410	8.4130-8.4270	2-2½ds	5-5½ds
Stockholm	11.3970-11.4480	11.4030-11.4270	2¾-4ds	8⅛-10⅛ds
Tokyo	174.79-175.64	175.18-175.38	⅜-¼pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.51-17.65	17.57-17.62	2-3ds	5⅞-7⅛ds
Zurich	2.2512-2.2618	2.2512-2.2544	⅛pr-par	⅜-⅛pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5898-1.5925
Australia dollar	2.2151-2.2182
Bahrain dinar	0.5925-0.6045
Brazil cruzeiro*	48779.0-48810.4
Cyprus pound	0.737-0.747
Finland marka	8.442-8.558
Greece drachma	337.0-344.0
Hong Kong dollar	12.3236-12.3330
India rupee	49.29-50.25
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4715-0.4815
Malaysia ringgit	4.0930-4.0973
Mexico peso	4.83-4.93
New Zealand dollar	2.9159-2.9231
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8895-6.0155
Singapore dollar	2.5743-2.5776
S Africa rand (fin)	7.2663-7.3505
S Africa rand (com)	4.9918-4.9982
U A E dirham	5.768-5.892

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3892-1.3902
Austria	11.06-11.08
Belgium (Com)	32.35-32.39
Canada	1.2580-1.2585
Denmark	6.03-6.04
France	5.295-5.300
Germany	1.5655-1.5665
Hong Kong	7.724-7.725
Ireland	1.5535-1.5555
Italy	1456.0-1458.0
Japan	110.20-110.25
Malaysia	2.567-2.568
Netherlands	1.7595-1.7605
Norway	6.64-6.65
Portugal	145.9-146.1
Singapore	1.6145-1.6155
Spain	115.7-115.9
Sweden	7.1785-7.1885
Switzerland	1.4155-1.4165

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7¼ Low 6 Week fixed: 6⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth 5[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth: 5[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛	6[illegible]
Interbank:	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛	6[illegible]

Overnight: open 6, close 6½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6[illegible]	n/a	6[illegible]	6⅛	6¼
Sterling CDs:	6[illegible]	6-5[illegible]	6-5[illegible]	6-5[illegible]	6[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	2.98-2.95	n/a	3.05-3.02	3.12-3.09	3.30-3.27
Building Society CDs:	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Make-up day: Mar 31, 1993 Agreed rates Apr 26, 1993 to May 25, 1993 Scheme I: 7.36 %. Schemes II & III: 7.25 %. Reference rate Feb 27, 1993 to Mar 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.028 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3[illegible]-2[illegible]	3[illegible]-2[illegible]	3[illegible]-2[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-2[illegible]
Deutschemark:	8-7[illegible]	8-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	8[illegible]-7[illegible]
French Franc:	9[illegible]-8[illegible]	8[illegible]-8[illegible]	8[illegible]-8[illegible]	8[illegible]-8[illegible]	9[illegible]-8[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	5[illegible]-5	5[illegible]-5	5-4[illegible]	4[illegible]-4[illegible]	5[illegible]-4[illegible]
Yen:	3[illegible]-2[illegible]	3[illegible]-3	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-2[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $349.10-349.60 Close: $350.50-351.00 High: $351.50-352.00
Low: $345.90-346.40 Krugerrand: $349.50-351.50 (£218.50-220.50)
Sovereigns: Old $82.00-84.00 (£50.50-52.50) New $82.00-84.00 (£50.50-52.50)
Platinum: $378.00 (£237.00) Silver: $4.05 (£2.545) Palladium: $117.25 (£73.50)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	550	44	57	65	18	25	33
(*582)	600	17	31	40	46	52	57
ASDA	67	11½	13½	-	5	6½	-
(*73½)	76	6	9½	-	9	11½	-
Bass	500	60	72	77	7½	14	23
(*547½)	550	26	41	45	20	33	45
Boots	460	50	62	65	9	14	20
(*466)	500	27	35	44	25	31	38
Br Airways	250	21	29	33	17	21	25
(*250)	300	12	20	25	28	32	36
BP	280	19	25	29	12	18	22
(*284)	300	9½	16	21	24	29	33
Br Steel	90	10	14	16	7½	9	12
(*91½)	100	5½	8½	11	13½	15	17
C & W	700	41	52	62	32	40	50
(*706½)	750	18	32	41	63	71	79
CU	550	50	59	-	13	24	-
(*607½)	629	25	33	-	36	49	-
Courtauld	550	26½	42	50	28	37½	44½
(*552½)	600	8½	21½	30	63	70	75
GKN	460	29	37	-	16	27	-
(*467)	500	13	19	-	41	51	-
ICI	1250	63½	79	105	57	88	97
(*1236½)	1300	41½	55	84	87	118	127
Kingfishr	584	35	50	-	26	38	-
(*604)	632	16	28	-	56	65	-
Land Sec	500	36	41	45	13	17	23
(*529½)	550	9	16	21	45	46	51
M & S	330	28	37	43	9	14	18
(*351)	360	13	21	28	25	28	31
Sainsbury	460	31	45	52	21	26	31
(*472½)	500	13	24	34	45	49	52
Shell	550	33	41	49	13	23	27
(*560½)	600	10	17	26	44	52	55
Smkl Bch	460	36	37	48	34	44	50
(*446)	500	13	23	33	62	69	75
Storehse	200	17	23	29	14	19	22
(*206)	220	8	15	19	27	31	34
Trafalgar	82	14	18	-	5	8	-
(*90½)	92	9	12	-	9	12	-
Unilever	1100	55	75	90	30	45	55
(*1101½)	1150	29	52	66	55	70	80

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	390	45	51	59	10	14	22
(*421½)	420	25	35	43	21	27	36
Ladbroke	160	24	30	35	8½	15	18
(*173)	180	13	20	25	18	26	30
Utd Bisc	360	82	80	85	6	10	12
(*428)	390	58	59	69	11	19	20

April 26, 1993 Tot 22359 Calls 14573 Puts 7786 FT-SE Calls 3064 Puts 1676
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA	750	31	46	64	10	27	37
(*755)	800	7	25	37	37	56	63
BAT Ind	800	62	87	97	6	20	36
(*852½)	850	28	55	70	20	38	58
BTR	600	19½	35½	47	8	20½	32
(*608½)	650	3	15	24	44	50	60½
Br Aero	300	28	47	61	6	23	34
(*315½)	330	13	32	45	21	39	52
Br Telcm	390	28	37	41	2	12	16
(*413)	420	7½	18	25	13	27	31
Cadbury	460	20	36	47	7	17	25
(*471½)	500	4	17	28	32	39	46
Guinness	460	24	40	50	7	17	26
(*475)	500	5½	19	31	31	40	47
GEC	300	23	28	33	2	9	14
(*318)	330	4½	11½	16½	15	25	29
Hanson	220	17½	21½	25	1½	6	10
(*235)	240	4	10	15	8	15½	19
LASMO	140	12	20	25	5	11½	16
(*146)	160	3½	10½	17	16½	23	28
Lucas	130	11	19	23	4	9	15
(*136)	140	5½	12	18	8½	14	21
P & O	550	26	51	61	6½	21	37
(*565)	600	6½	25	36	34	47	65
Pilkingtn	130	8½	14	18	5	10½	14
(*132½)	140	4½	5½	12	11	16	19
Prudential	330	8	20	27	10	17	24
(*327½)	360	1½	8½	15	34	37	43
RTZ	600	58	74	87½	2½	12	23
(*652½)	650	18½	42	57	17	30½	44
Scot New	460	16	29	35	8½	26	32
(*463½)	500	3	13	20	37	52	58
Tesco	220	11	20	27	6	13	17
(*224½)	240	3½	11	18	19	22	28
Thames W	500	26	32	39	5½	22	30
(*516½)	550	3	9	18	38	55	60
Vodafone	360	22	33	44	5½	17	24
(*373)	390	6	19	30	21	33	40

FT-SE INDEX (*2823)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
May	136	90	52	26	11	4
Jun	149	111	79	50	31	16
Jul	169	131	100	71	49	34
Aug	187	150	121	95	68	51
Dec	260	-	192	-	135	-
Puts						
May	6	15	28	53	91	133
Jun	20	30	45	70	101	141
Jul	32	45	64	83	115	152
Aug	44	59	78	98	130	165
Dec	56	-	115	-	168	-

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	390	19	29	39	14	24	30
(*392½)	420	7½	16	25	33	42	47
Amstrad	35	2½	4½	6	4	5½	6½
(*33½)	40	1½	3	4½	8	9	10
Barclays	420	29	41	52	12	24	30
(*430½)	460	10	23	33	34	45	52
Blue Circ	240	15	27	33	10	18	25
(*243½)	260	8½	18	24	21	29	36
Br Gas	250	29	32	34	4½	8	14
(*306)	300	12	19½	23	12	17	23
	330	3	9½	12	34	36	42
Dixons	220	13	20	28	15	24	28
(*217½)	240	7	14	21	28	36	41
Eurotnnl	420	27	47	65	24	43	47
(*433½)	460	11½	29½	49	55½	68	77
Forte	180	24	30	35	4½	9	13
(*196½)	200	11	18	24	13	18	23
Glaxo	550	48	69	79	19	34	50
(*576½)	600	23	44	57	45	60	78
	650	10	25	40	84	95	112
HSBC	600	40	60	79	20	38	50
(*614½)	650	18	39	53	49	65	76
Hillsdwn	140	20	27	30	3½	7	11
(*155)	160	8	15	19	12	16	21
Lonrho	80	12	15½	19	2½	6½	8
(*88½)	90	6	10½	13	8	11	14
Reuter	1250	57	100	135	36	65	80
(*1257½)	1300	35	72	110	65	89	110
R-Royce	130	12	19	22½	7	10½	14½
(*135)	140	8	14½	17½	12½	15½	19½
Sears	100	9	11	15	4½	7½	10
(*107)	110	4½	7½	10	10	12	15
Thrn Emi	850	33	48	60	24	50	58
(*858½)	900	14	27	40	57	82	88
TSB	200	8	14	19	15	22	26
(*189)	220	3	7½	12	31	35	38
Vaal Reefs	45	14	14	15	1½	4	5
(*$57)	50	9	10	12	4	6	7
Wellcome	700	51	80	100	24	40	56
(*718½)	750	26	55	74	48	67	82

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	20	28	31	12	18	22
(*165)	180	11	19	22	25	29	33

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Eastrn Elc	460	24	34	41	6½	22	29
(*480)	500	5	15	23	30	49	53

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	330	14½	25	34	10	18	23
(*333)	360	5	13	21	32	36	40
Scot Pwr	310	12	17½	22	9	19	31
(*315)	330	4½	9	13½	25	31	33

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Coffee edged higher following a technical break on the upside in the New York arabica market. Although the London contract is of a significantly different quality, the two markets exert a considerable influence on each other. However, the New York rally merely pushes coffee from a bearish picture to a neutral status.

LONDON FOX

COCOA
May 665-664 Jul 759-757
Jul 679-678 Sep 773-771
Sep 693-691 Dec 797-792
Dec 711-710 Mar 821-815
Mar 731-730
May 745-744 Volume: 3225

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)
May 888-887 Jan 888 SLR
Jul 875-873 Mar 898-890
Sep 874-871 May 908 SLR
Nov 881-879 Volume: 1740

RAW SUGAR (FOB)
C Czarnikow Dec unq
Spot: unq Mar -
May unq May -
Aug - Aug -
Oct - Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters Mar 293.0-91.5
Spot: 305.0 May 295.5-93.0
Aug 311.0-10.0 Aug 300.0-96.0
Oct 296.0-95.0 Oct 293.0-87.0
Dec 293.0-91.1 Volume: 413

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 26

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	89.73	144.21	137.08
(+/-)	-0.02	-1.03	-0.15
Eng/Wales:	89.68	145.33	136.34
(+/-)	+0.10	-4.03	-0.28
(%)	-45.2	-26.7	-42.8
Scotland:	90.53	125.93	140.96
(+/-)	-4.01	-5.05	-1.57
(%)	+3.9	-30.4	-12.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Apr	114.4	114.4	Nov	unq	unq
Jun	107.0	107.0		Volume: 3	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
May 144.55
Jun 145.95
Sep 107.80
Nov 109.70
Jan 112.70
Volume: 599

BARLEY (close £/t)
May 139.65
Sep 106.50
Nov 108.95
Jan 111.20
Mar 112.95
Volume: 90

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Jun 135.80
Aug 135.80
Oct 140.50
Dec 144.80
Feb unq
Volume: 50

POTATO (£/t) Open Close
May unq 50.5
Apr 94.0 95.3
May unq 100.0
Volume: 37

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
May 56.00-56.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): In an unusually slow start to the week, levels were virtually unchanged from Friday.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)
Brent Physical 18.60 (n/c)
Brent 15 day (May) 18.70 (n/c)
Brent 15 day (Jun) 18.90 (n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Jun) 20.30 (n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Jul) 20.45 (n/c)

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)
Premium Gas .15 Bid: 208 (n/c) Offer: 210 (+1)
Gasoil EEC 185 (+1) 187 (+1)
Non EEC 1H May 182 (+1) 183 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jun 177 (+1) 178 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil 76 (n/c) 78 (n/c)
Naphtha 180 (-1) 182 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL
May 177.50-77.75 Aug 175.25-75.50
Jun 174.75-75.00 Sep 176.75-77.50
Jul 174.00-74.50 Oct 179.50-79.75
Vol: 8473

BRENT (6.00pm)
Jun 18.91-18.92 Sep 19.04-19.06
Jul 18.91-18.93 Oct 19.06-19.09
Aug 18.96-19.00 Vol: 8845

UNLEADED GASOLINE
May 204.00-04.50 Aug unq
Jun 205.00-08.00 Sep unq
Jul 205.50-10.00 Vol: 34

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 93	1540	1539	1538
May 93	1540	1535	1540
Jun 93	1420	1420	1422
Jul 93	1300	1295	1300

Vol: 344 lots. Open int'st: 3084 Index 1530 +6

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1190.5-1191.0	1211.0-1211.5	1442500
Lead (£/tonne)	269.50-270.00	277.75-278.00	59225
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1006.5-1007.0	1025.5-1026.0	176000
Tin ($/tonne)	5560.0-5570.0	5620.0-5625.0	7630
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1102.5-1103.0	1124.5-1125.0	898950
Nickel ($/tonne)	6095.0-6100.0	6160.0-6165.0	58266

مكتبة الاهل

Shares drift in thin trading

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 19. Dealings end May 7. §Contango day May 10. Settlement day May 17. ¶Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Savills	Property	
2	Stonehouse	Drapery,Strs	
3	Sedgwick	Insurance	
4	HighLand Distl	Breweries	
5	BOC	Industrial	
6	Helical Bar	Property	
7	Burford	Property	
8	Norpeard	Industrial	
9	De La Rue	Industrial	
10	Kingfisher	Drapery,Strs	
11	Booker	Foods	
12	Betterware	Drapery,Strs	
13	Sent TV	Leisure	
14	Perkins Food	Foods	
15	Mowlem (J)	Building,Rds	
16	WSEL	Industrial	
17	Sears	Drapery,Strs	
18	Londrho	Industrial	
19	Sth Wales	Electricity	
20	Nichols (JN)	Foods	
21	Electrocomponents	Electrical	
22	Auto Sec	Business Serv	
23	Wates	Property	
24	First Nat Fin	Banks,Disc	
25	Bonthwick	Foods	
26	BAT	Tobaccos	
27	Tilbury Dougls	Building,Rds	
28	Cadbo Eng	Industrial	
29	EMAP	Newspapr,Pub	
30	LWT CP	Leisure	
31	Filofax	Paper,Print	
32	Lamont	Textiles	
33	Fullr Sm 'A'	Breweries	
34	UmChem	Industrial	
35	Johnson Matth	Industrial	
36	Suter	Industrial	
37	Hadleigh Inds	Industrial	
38	Gleeson (MJ)	Building,Rds	
39	Walker Greenbk	Industrial	
40	Low & Bonar	Industrial	

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BUSINESS SERVICES

675	463	ADT	548	+ 5	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	59	Air Londons	75	+ 1	...	0.0	0.1
79	63	Alfred Al	63	...	2.0	3.2	...
175	125	Astec Sec	166 †	+ 5	5.1	4.0	...
108	84	BET Grd	97	+ 1	...	8.4	14.2
78	41	BNB Res	77	...	4.0	8.0	...
318	258	BPP	285	...	8.0	3.5	15.7
285	230	Barbour Index	280	...	7.2	3.6	18.6
20	15	Boustead	18	...	0.7	5.0	...
226	184	Brit Data Mgt	225	...	...	2.2	18.8
14	11	Broadcastline	14	...	...	...	11.2
173	54	Brooks Service	173	+12	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	90	...	2.4	3.3	10.3
173	139	Capita Group	168 †	+ 2	...	1.6	8.7
40	31	Chalet Plc	38	...	0.5	1.6	14.5
55	40	Chiltern Capital	50	...	...	...	...
31	26	Christie	29	...	...	...	...
285	228	Chubb Sec	276	- 2	...	1.3	30.5
93	18	Comaco	30	...	...	...	...
18½	4½	Corp Services	16	...	...	...	...
80	50	Dart	80	...	3.3	5.2	9.1
231	198	Davis Service	229	...	...	4.3	...
104	85	EW Facts	97	...	4.3	5.6	11.1
21	11	Gardiner	21	+ 1½	0.6	3.0	14.6
45	20	Gardner (DC)	43	...	...	...	...
246	229	Hays	233 †	- 1	4.6	1.5	22.9
220	175	Hogg Robinson	183	...	6.3	4.3	13.7
70	55	Holmes Protecn	55	- 1	...	...	3.3
162	127	Hunch Wharnp	157	+ 5	...	3.0	...
£1209	9650	ISS B DKr	£1134	+ 9½	...	1.0	15.9
637	532	Inchcape	601 †	- 2	2.6	2.9	20.3
863	668	Johnson Clean	828	...	25.7	3.9	...
12	7½	Lep	8½	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	215	...	2.7	1.6	17.2
1187	893	Manpower	1033	...	...	...	...
44½	40½	Michael Page	41 †	...	1.8	5.3	...
299	217	Penna	273	...	...	0.9	69.2
4½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
142	85	Proudfoot Alex	104	- 3	13.0	15.3	...
433	346	RCO	393	...	12.8	4.4	13.4
118	113	REA	113	...	4.0	4.4	...
85	43	Rent Executive	85	+11	...	...	...
156	115	Reliance Secs	115	- 1	...	4.9	11.6
228	189	Rentokil	201	- 4	2.3	1.4	25.1
228	193	Rolls & Nolan	224	...	8.2	29.9	17.1
399	343	Salvesen (C)	374	+ 3	7.0	2.3	20.7
35	29	Scot Pickford	30	...	...	3.3	8.3
206	164	Securigard	190	+ 8	9.4	6.2	10.1
8	5	Select Appe	6	...	...	...	...
988	695	Serco Gp	988	...	14.0	1.4	27.3
352	252	Sherwd Compn	315	...	...	2.8	...
130	92	Shrichley	92	...	3.0	4.1	11.2
385	327	Warner Howrd	334	- 3	...	2.3	18.9
45	28	Welpac	28	...	0.6	2.7	...
25	14	Wilis Gp	24½	...	...	0.5	33.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

248	220	Allied Colloids	227	+ 2	3.0	2.1	18.0
759	613	Amersham	702	...	12.5	2.2	26.0
7	3	Anglo Dtch	4	...	0.8	...	...
£101½	8325	BASF DM	9400	-495	...	7.4	...
289	231	BTP	239	...	8.8	4.6	17.5
£119	£106	Bayer DMSO	£108½	-137½	...	5.3	...
173	134	Biagden	173	...	9.5	6.9	18.6
165	117	Brent Chemn	147	...	7.4	6.3	...
530	428	Br Bio-Tech	450	...	...	...	...
29	18	Calrd Gp	24	- ½	1.3	6.9	...
153	127	Canning (W)	128 †	- 2	7.2	7.1	14.8
608	533½	Croxtonlds	553	- 1½	13.0	2.9	15.0
291	229	Croda	281 †	+ 1	7.75	3.4	...
146	121	Doeflex	128	...	4.6	4.5	9.8
202	175	Ellis & Everard	200	...	7.0	4.4	18.2
28	15½	Euro Colour	22½	...	0.6	3.6	...
291	259	Fairmead (J)	285	...	...	2.6	14.3
235	194	Fitzkraus	223 †	...	8.0	4.5	...
£114½	8850	Hoechst	8850	-950	...	8.9	...
216	195	Holliday Chem	214	- 1	...	2.2	19.7
1288	1048	ICI	1237	-20	58.0	5.6	30.7
688	581	Laporte	653	...	19.5	3.7	...
223	193	Leigh	197	...	7.8	5.1	15.7
19½	11	MTM	12	...	1.8	...	2.4
1600	1462½	Nmark Hydro	1600	+ 9½	...	1.8	...
420	370	Pearson Zoch	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
375	302	Plas-Tex 'A'	369	- 2	11.4	3.9	15.9
286	254	Plysu	286	...	8.0	2.8	18.1
210	173	Porvair	208	...	3.6	2.2	22.2
13	7½	Sandiite Speak	10	- ½	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	445 †	...	18.0	4.5	17.9
400	305	Wyndstone R	400	...	17.0	4.2	...
391	358	Yorks Chem	391	+ 1	...	2.4	20.9
306	240	Yule Catto	296 †	- 1	5.9	2.5	...

DRAPERY, STORES

105	63	Alexon	99	- 4	3.0	3.8	...
87	42	Amber Day	85	- 3	3.1	4.7	22.4
319	257	Argos Plc	310	+ 2	...	2.8	21.3
104	69	Ashley (Laura)	102	...	0.1	0.1	...
305	283	Asprey	283	- 2	...	2.1	23.0
362	311	Austin Reed	340	...	5.0	2.6	...
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	141	...	5.7	5.1	13.5
121	97	Bennalls	112	+ 1	1.9	2.1	...
273	208	Bentemann	253	+ 4	...	0.6	34.9
31	20	Blacks Leis	23	...	...	3.3	4.7
227	133	Body Shop	214	- 1	1.6	0.9	24.7
19½	12	Brown & Jackson	15½	- ½	...	0.6	...
401	318	Brown (N)	359	...	6.0	2.1	22.2
84	64½	Burton	83½	+ 1	...	3.0	...
145	126	Cantors	144	...	...	2.3	10.2
355	285	Church	355	...	12.5	4.4	31.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	157 †	...	4.2	3.4	...
247	212	Coats Viyella	238	- 2	...	3.6	26.1
106	78	Colourvision	88	...	...	...	14.9
495	374	Courts Furnish	485	+ 1	5.0	1.0	24.3
155	115	Crown Eye	135	...	...	5.6	6.3
106	89	Dalry Farm Intl	98	+ 2	...	3.8	...
65	51½	Dewhirst (JJ)	63 †	...	1.0	2.0	...
281	194½	Dixons Grp	217 †	+ 4	8.0	3.5	25.5
390	320	Dunhill	388	+ 1	7.7	2.5	13.4
21	12½	ERA Gp	14	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	400	...	16.0	5.2	...
115	71	Essex Furn	108	...	...	3.3	19.5
203	157	Exmn	198	...	6.9	3.8	...
562	499	Fine Art Dev	551	- 1	11.0	2.5	21.1
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
503	408	Formfitter	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
51	34	French Conn	50	...	...	...	...
21	17	Gabriel	18	...	...	2.0	...
65	43	Gent Sir	49	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
37	23	Goldsmiths Gp	37	+ 1	1.6	...	...
2665	2400	GUS	2665	...	40.0	2.6	22.2
1228	1563	do 'A'	1700	+10	40.0	2.9	13.5
40	34	Hampden Grps	36 †	...	...	3.5	...
227	101	Harrisons	109	...	4.8	5.6	6.7
29½	20	Helene Plc	21	...	2.0	12.0	...
42	29	Heritage Sec	34	...	...	...	...
52	35	Homeyaskite	35	...	...	2.2	8.2
189	128	Rise of Lerose	185	...	10.3	7.0	...
71	43	Jacques Vert	71	...	2.0	...	21.7
694	496	Kingfisher	670	+ 3	...	2.9	17.1
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.1	14.4
685	495	Liberty	655	...	7.2	1.4	...
313	265	Lloyds Chem	309	+ 1	5.5	2.2	12.1
152	120	MFI	143	...	...	3.5	12.5
360	311	Marks Spencer	351	...	7.1	2.5	21.4
500	445	Menzies (John)	492	...	10.0	2.5	16.5
168	136	Moss Bros	168	+18	5.5	4.2	...
174	139½	Next	166 †	...	2.5	1.6	...
30	15	Oliver (G)	30	...	...	...	...
250	197	Oriflame Intl	215	...	...	5.6	14.0
68	45	Pennos	51	+ 2	1.5	3.7	...
353	255	Qs Hldgs	297	+ 2	6.0	2.7	20.2
21	11	Ramsers Group	21	+ ½	3.4	14.3	...
36	20½	Rhino Grp	31½	...	...	...	...
174	137	Sherwood Gp	172 †	...	2.6	1.9	...
187	93	Sears	187	+ 1	4.1	2.9	27.4
488	400	Smith WH 'A'	445	+ 2	13.4	3.0	15.6
14½	4½	Spectaleyes	9	...	...	...	...
219	176	Stonehouse	206	+ 3	5.0	3.0	...
191	153	T & S Stores	158 †	...	5.9	4.7	11.6
133	71	The Rack	122	...	1.0	1.0	...
213	160	Time Products	200	...	7.5	4.7	19.6
100	63	Usher (Frank)	92	...	...	6.8	7.3
45	27	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
40	28	Wessons	36	- 2	...	5.5	...
109	78	Wicket	109	+ 4	...	...	48.3
60	45	Wid of Leather	51 †	...	2.8	7.6	6.9
191	146	Wyevale	191	...	7.5	11.0	...
4	2½	Xtra-vision	4	...	...	2.6	...

ELECTRICALS

182	147	ACT Group	153	+ 1	4.5	3.7	15.1
238	223	Acala	238	...	...	3.1	10.9
1625	38	Aspen Comps	101	- 2	...	...	51.2
480	385	Admiral	444	...	9.4	1.5	18.8
131	106	Alba	130	...	4.7	4.6	17.1
43	19½	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
39½	22	Amstrad	33½	- 1½	0.4	...	...
128	78	App Holos	82	...	...	...	...
17	13	Arlen	17	...	...	...	...
57½	35½	Aztec	53	...	...	...	...
290	250	Beales Hunter	279	...	9.2	4.1	14.7
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
381	319	BICC	361 †	+ 1	19.2	6.7	24.5
575	453	Bicc	483	...	9.2	2.4	18.8
1650	1150	Bodiando	1450	-30	...	...	...
319	274	Bowthorpe	308	- 2	8.0	2.6	...
476	376	BT	413	+ 4	14.4	4.4	15.4
38	18	Ambarley Gps	28	...	0.2	0.7	...
145	135	Andrews Sykes	141	...	4.4	3.9	...
703	480	Arlington	655	...	...	2.4	...
509	37	Armour	457	...	1.4	4.1	13.4
170	143	Ash & Lacy	160	...	6.4	5.0	16.4
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.1	...
565	445	Avon Rubber	525	...	16.5	3.0	30.4
235	168	Azoic Nuroga	215	...	...	...	8.2
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	675 †	...	...	4.2	...
48	35	Aymshire Metal	41	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	159	...	...	5.0	...
77	13	BM Gp	19½	+ ½	5.0	...	0.8
770	693	BOC	701	+ 5	23.2	4.1	15.4
79½	62	BSG	63 †	...	...	6.3	...
442	353	BSS Group	442	+ 2	...	4.9	17.7
621	530	BTR	609	- 7	...	2.7	20.0
221	188	BWI	193 †	...	9.7	4.3	18.6
41½	31	Babcock	36	...	3.1	...	7.5
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	246	+ 2	8.9	4.5	...
10625	8566	Barlow Rand	9935	...	...	6.4	3.0
7	7	Barnes (H)	7 †	...	...	2.0	16.2
65	48	Baynes (Charles)	57	- 1	1.6	3.1	...
15	5	Beanford	6½	...	...	1.8	...
8½	6½	Beckermann	7½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	20	...	...	...	...
27½	20	Benson Group	20	...	0.1	0.5	18.5
707	543	Bespak	544	...	9.0	2.7	17.0
133	110	Bibby (J)	114	+ 1½	9.7	11.4	6.3
300	129	Biliam (J)	298	+31	5.0	2.1	...
335	215	Bilston Bureau	30	+ 1	...	...	16.4
11½	7½	Bimec Ind	8½	...	0.8	...	8.2

FINANCE, LAND

60½	53	Aitken Hume	54	...	0.5	...	34.5
75	47	BWD'e	75	...	...	5.3	11.7
84	56	Baltic Pic	84	...	1.0	1.5	...
653	428	Caledonia	432	...	14.4	4.3	16.6
1500	1075	Camellia	1400	...	27.0	2.4	11.8
258	243	Candover	248	...	10.2	5.2	17.6
91	71	Fleetwds	90	...	...	...	8.9
203	155	Gowrie	198	- 3	...	6.4	18.2
149	125	Ivory Sime	145	...	...	5.4	15.2
6½	3½	LIT	4	...	...	...	...
14	12	Lon Forfaiting	12	...	...	...	0.6
203	154	Lon Trust	203	+ 8	8.4	5.3	14.4
237	177	Manulife	237	...	...	...	...
11	3½	Nat Home Loan	10½	...	...	...	...
47	40	Newmarket	47	...	...	...	...
252	246	Rainbow Rex	270	...	6.0	2.8	16.4
22	17	Rutland Tst	19½	- ½	0.8	5.1	...
330	280	S & U	314	+ 1	...	3.5	11.3
67	48	Singer & Fried	61 †	...	2.6	5.3	...
938	788	Sothebys	825	-13	...	5.0	...
105	83	SJP Capital	105	+ 3	3.0	3.6	19.0

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1950	1487½	Amer Express	1837½	+37½	...	...	...	
234	183	Electra	214	- ½	6.7	3.0	29.2	
978	835	Henderson Ad	918	...	41.0	5.6	20.2	
221	93	Investec MSM	121 †	+ 1	3.0	3.1	...	
218	164	Jardine Strat	191	...	...	4.1	8.6	
194	154	MAI	185	+ 1	8.0	4.1	13.4	
468	389	MAM	459	...	11.5	3.1	18.3	
745	633	M & G	791	...	20.0	3.2	21.0	
225	115	Smith New Ct	216	+ 1	4.5	2.6	8.6	
97	97	Sterling Trst	97 #	...	...	...	8.5	
78	55	Trio Hldgs	71	...	...	5.3	...	

FOODS

515	461	AB Food	483	+ 1	14.0	3.7	10.9	
77½	53	ASDA Group	73	+ 1½	...	6.3	23.5	
225	170	Acatos & Hnsch	205	...	6.5	4.0	11.8	
76	58	Albert Fisher	67	...	3.3	7.2	10.8	
370	320	Argyll	342	...	9.7	3.6	13.5	
25	12	Ashley Group	15½	...	0.7	6.0	...	
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	139 †	- 2	8.0	7.3	...	
210	160	Banks (S G)	210	...	8.2	4.9	10.5	
402	310	Barr (AG)	400	- 2	6.5	2.0	20.2	
85	57	Bensons Crisps	64 †	...	...	5.6	14.4	
135	112½	Berisford Intl	128 #	...	...	...	...	
455	363	Booker	384 †	+ 4	...	7.1	13.6	
50	35	Bardwick	47	+ 2	1.1	2.9	32.8	
488	430	Brake Bros	480	...	...	1.6	20.2	
51	36	Bodgen	50	...	...	...	17.0	
511	444	Cadbury-Schw	471	- 8	...	3.5	17.6	
89	78	Cans Milling	84	+ 1	3.0	5.8	16.8	
201	178	Cranswick	195	- 1	...	4.8	14.4	
20	8½	Cullens	15½	- ½	0.5	4.0	8.3	
384	168	Dalgety	216	- 2	6.0	3.5	9.8	
491	430	Dalgety	449 †	- 3	19.5	5.4	13.1	
50	27	Daniels S	47 †	...	0.2	0.7	...	
134	122	Everest	133	...	...	3.3	18.4	
295	269	Ferguson	292	...	...	2.1	20.7	
10	3	Fairfield-Ford	8½	...	...	...	...	
92	78	Finlay (James)	82	...	4.1	6.3	15.4	
125	78	Fyffes	110	...	...	1.4	18.3	
485	370	Geest	439	- 1	8.1	2.3	...	
12	8	Global	11½	...	...	...	17.9	
65	43	Grand Central	63	...	1.1	3.3	...	
195	147	Hazlewood Fds	189	- 1	6.1	4.0	11.5	
171	131	Hillsdown	156 †	...	...	7.1	12.2	
41	27	Hunter Saphir	27	...	2.5	...	8.8	
750	616	Inchcape	699 †	...	10.0	1.8	30.8	
131	111	JLJ Group	113	- 7	4.5	5.0	16.3	
853	731	Kwik Save	786	+18	16.0	2.5	16.4	
362	207	Low (Wm)	207	...	8.4	5.1	9.9	
58	41	Mackinlay (J)	50	...	2.2	5.1	10.7	
1228	1012	Merchant Retail	1175	...	1.1	10.0	32.9	
174	151	Morrison (W)	155	...	...	0.6	20.1	
538	443	Nichols (JN)	508	- 5	15.6	3.3	14.7	
298	255	Nthmbrn Foods	260	...	...	3.8	14.2	
22	14	Nthmbrn Fne	16	...	...	...	6.7	
172	127	Nurdin Peack	160	...	6.1	3.8	...	
341	205	Park Foods	210	+ 1	3.2	1.9	25.1	
115	80	Pentlands Food	104	+ 4	4.4	4.2	...	
96½	67	Pizza Express	87	- 1	...	0.9	40.8	
3½	1½	Regina Hldgs	3½	...	...	...	...	
584	455	Salisbury J	472	- 4	8.7	2.3	17.6	
68	35	Sentry Farms	58	...	...	2.5	12.1	
225	170	Sims Food	171	...	11.2	8.3	9.2	
439	391	Tate & Lyle	402	- 3	12.0	3.7	14.8	
273	230	Tesco	225 †	+ 1	7.1	3.9	...	
211	167	Thorntons	170	...	2.6	2.7	15.8	
261	193	Unigate	193	...	2.5	2.0	20.7	
375	300	Unigate	362	+ 7	15.3	5.3	12.9	
431	340½	Utd Biscuits	428	+29	...	4.5	22.1	
25	21½	Usborne	23	...	0.4	2.2	14.0	
357	248	Watson & Phil	302	+ 1	13.3	5.5	15.7	

HOTELS, CATERERS

18	12	Alexin Sth Ho	18	...	...	...	...	
88	77	City Centre Rest	88 †	+ 1	1.5	2.4	...	
209	170	Fitch	196#	...	2.9	1.5	4.8	
199	155	Friendly Hotels	173	+ 3	5.7	4.2	...	
9	6½	Hanmony Lsis	8½	...	...	...	...	
110	87	Jurys Hotel	104	...	...	5.9	12.2	
215	166	Ladbroke	173	+ 3	...	8.1	22.8	
59	39	Mandarin Orntl	53	+ 2	...	5.5	...	
59	44	Queens Moat	47½	...	2.8	7.6	6.9	
99	83	Rank Orgn	85 †	...	7.5	11.8	...	
27½	2½	Regal Hotels	3½	...	...	...	...	
55	28	Resort Hotels	42	- 1½	3.4	10.3	8.2	
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Leading from the front

Barbara Mills has been Director of Public Prosecutions for a year. Frances Gibb reports on the changes she has brought about



Hot seat: Barbara Mills, Director of Public Prosecutions, is promoting a policy of openness

Barbara Mills's comments last week that she favours ending the right to jury trial provoked a predictable furore. She is more than equipped to handle it: in just one year since assuming the hot seat of Director of Public Prosecutions, Mrs Mills has promoted the profile of her department, the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), as deliberate policy in a way never done before.

Her arrival was somewhat blighted in that it was precipitated by the resignation of Sir Allan Green, QC. Soon afterwards the new DPP, who had headed the Serious Fraud Office, found herself under fire over the failure to prosecute any of the West Midlands crime squad; and second, for not taking up Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, on his offer to give evidence in the Judith Ward trial.

Mrs Mills is not one readily to concede mistakes even if she believed — and she does not — that these were. But she admits the resulting flak fuelled her desire to promote a policy of openness and to explain decisions as well as ensuring that the CPS communicates with other parts of the criminal justice system. "Much adverse comment was based on a lack of understanding of our role and I thought we should go much more public about what we did. We are public and we are a service, but we can't serve people unless they know what we are doing," she says.

> 'I thought we should go much more public about what we did'

Interviews, speeches and briefings followed. The policy has borne fruit, although people still hark back to the early days of the CPS when it was almost still-born through lack of funds and staff shortages. And she accepts that promoting the service inevitably lays her open to charges of promoting herself.

There is no doubt that as a figurehead, Mrs Mills, 52, has made an impact. "Formidable ... dauntingly impressive ... efficient and energetic" are comments from in and outside the service. More than previous DPPs, she "likes to lead from the front", one lawyer says. And that drive, even the persuasive enthusiasm she has in putting her case, sometimes ruffles feathers.

Her present overhaul of the CPS, a radical restructuring involving merging of senior posts and reducing the 31 regional areas to 13, is not being achieved without pain. The idea, she says, is to streamline administration, bringing greater coherence to decisions and policy: what some see as tighter control from the top. She insists that for the new, bigger areas, it means more power, not less: "it's devolution, not centralisation", although there is a wish for everyone to sing from the one hymn sheet.

There have been redundancies and loss of senior posts, with opposition among some staff culminating in calls for a vote of no confidence in the DPP. So far their union, the First Division Association, has resisted. Rod Chapman, head of the CPS section, says: "There is some disquiet ... a worry that as prosecutors, we are independent office holders, and there are fears of being turned into civil servants. Initially, we felt there had been no consultation and even took advice on judicial review. But the view was that it wouldn't get us anywhere — and consultation now has improved."

Since Mrs Mills came, though, he says that morale "has been knocked sideways", largely through uncertainty about the future. Yet despite staff anxieties, the image of the CPS among users has come on by leaps and bounds.

Anthony Edwards, secretary of the London Criminal Courts' Solicitors' Association, favours the restructuring, but says its slow progress is causing unease and harming morale. David Lloyd-Roberts, another criminal solicitor, says: "It has got a lot better but is not yet perfect. You still get the odd muddle — we all turned up for a committal proceeding last week, which had been cancelled a week before, and nobody received their notification."

Malcolm Fowler, a Birmingham solicitor, says the move, now under way, to impose national standards of case preparation is "commendable". However, he adds, the CPS's aim of cutting the number of adjournments has yet to succeed.

Externally, too, this year will be crucial. Mrs Mills predicts eventual victory in the battle for crown prosecutors to be allowed to take some cases in the Crown Court — a battle where she finds herself locking horns with former colleagues at the Bar. "This restriction is unnecessary," she says. "We have come a long way in a short time and I would welcome the chance to show how far we have come."

The Royal Commission on Criminal Justice is also due to report. The DPP favours a system of sentence discounts for guilty pleas; scrapping committals and earlier disclosure of the defence case.

The role of the prosecution may be enhanced: the commission may say that the prosecution, not defendants, should decide the mode of trial and may also want it to become more involved in supervising police investigations.

Public confidence in the system also requires more attention to the people, not just criminals, that it touches: victims, witnesses, relatives, Mrs Mills says. "If people don't like a service in the private sector, they can go elsewhere." With the CPS, they have no choice. "So there is a greater duty to provide a proper service."

When sex pleads its case in court



COUNSEL

DAVID PANNICK QC

The legal profession is not the subject of universal affection. Nevertheless, romance can pose interesting questions of law and professional ethics for the conscientious lawyer, especially now that spring is here.

Earlier this year, the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, dismissed an appeal against a conviction for unlawful wounding brought on the unusual ground that, some days after the trial, a female member of the jury had sent a note to the male prosecuting counsel seeking "social contact with him in the form of lunch or a drink". The appeal court was not persuaded that this indicated any bias on the juror's part such as that there was a real danger that the defendant did not have a fair trial.

The court "found no direct precedent for a case of this kind". There are two similar decisions of the United States Court of Appeals. In 1980, the court dismissed a ground of appeal based on a complaint that after several hours of jury deliberation the defendant's counsel saw a male juror "blowing kisses, winking and waving" at the female prosecutor. In 1982, the court rejected a ground of appeal that during the trial a male juror "wrote a love letter to the female prosecutor" and invited her out. He sent his picture and a poem.

Lawyers find some clients entertaining, many tiresome and a few so repulsive that it is painful to share a conference room with them. The odd lawyer may be tempted to become amorous towards the occasional client. This raises a difficult question of legal ethics: is it permissible for a lawyer to have a sexual relationship with a consenting client? In the last few years, state courts in America have become increasingly willing to impose disciplinary sanctions to protect vulnerable female clients from the dubious attractions of male lawyers.

In 1989, the Supreme Court of New York suspended a lawyer from practice for two years for entering into sexual relationships with clients by "taking particular advantage of women whose matrimonial difficulties placed them in a highly vulnerable emotional state". The Supreme Court of Georgia held, last year, that a lawyer who had sexual intercourse with a female client he was representing in divorce proceedings should be suspended from practice for three years because his conduct must have impeded his professional judgment.

However, state bars have yet to adopt rules that impose a general prohibition on lawyers entering into sexual relations with clients. The American Bar Association issued a "formal opinion" last year which summarises the general trend in this context: a sexual relationship between lawyer and client *may* involve unfair exploitation and significantly impair a lawyer's ability to represent the client competently. So such a relationship *may* breach professional ethics.

The American courts have so far refused to recognise any legal course of action for women who have become disenchanted with lawyers with whom they have entered into a sexual relationship. Last year, the US Court of Appeals dismissed a claim for damages by a woman who alleged that her lawyer had not informed her, and that she did not know until she consulted another attorney, "that she was entitled to zealous representation without submitting to sexual demands".

Similarly, in 1980, the Appellate Court of Illinois dismissed a claim by a woman claiming damages against her attorney because, she alleged, he had "psychologically coerced or seduced her into having sexual relations with him" in his office when she went there to discuss the case. She consented only because she was "fearful that he would not advocate for her in the divorce case were she to refuse".

I expect that during the next decade the Bar Council and the Law Society will follow the example of the General Medical Council and decide that the status of the lawyer, the vulnerability of the client, and the impact a sexual relationship will necessarily have on the lawyer's professional judgment make it a breach of professional ethics for lawyers to take advantage of clients in this respect.

Other issues of legal sexuality pose less difficult ethical questions. Legal services may not be exchanged for sexual favours, as the Supreme Court of Indiana explained in 1976 when suspending from practice for one year a lawyer who had represented women clients in exchange for nude photographs of them. Nor is sexual deception by lawyers to be tolerated. In 1990, the Supreme Court of Florida suspended a lawyer from practice for one year because he engaged in a "ludicrous deception" of his client into "believing that she was obligated to partially disrobe and permit him to touch and photograph her in order to prepare an adequate case".

Last year, in suspending from practice a lawyer who kissed and fondled female clients without their consent, the Supreme Court of South Carolina explained that the case, and others like it, "is not about sex. It is about power — the awesome power that comes with the licence to practice law — and the abuse thereof".

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

Would-be women judges await call

A top-level struggle for equal opportunities

Can a lawyer be appointed a judge if she has no personal experience of appearing in court as an advocate? That is the $64,000 question unanswered by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, after his plea last week to women to put themselves forward for the bench.

But Amanda Royce, newly elected chairman of the 6,000 Association of Women Solicitors, to whom Lord Mackay made his address, said women had left him in no doubt that *this is the biggest single obstacle to boosting the numbers of women judges.* "Many women in City law firms want to apply for the bench but they say: how do I get experience as an advocate?"

Women make up only 11.5 per cent of assistant recorders (the first judicial rung), 4.7 per cent of recorders and 5 per cent of circuit judges. Solicitors make up 17.5 per cent of assistant recorders, 8.5 per cent of recorders and 11.5 per cent of circuit judges.

So despite recent improvements, the Bar, although a tenth of the size of the 60,000-strong solicitors' profession, is still the predominant feeder for the judiciary. There is not the regular experience among solicitors of court work, except among those in litigation departments or doing criminal work. And even when solicitors do litigation, those in big City firms are still likely to be sitting behind counsel because — at present — they are not allowed to take cases in the High Court.

But should this disqualify them from sitting on the bench? As one solicitor put it to Lord Mackay, magistrates are trained to do their work — they rarely *have personal experience of advocacy: "Cannot we too learn the job?"*

Lord Mackay, in his strong plea for women, particularly solicitors, to come forward for the bench, did not use the word "advocacy" but said that those chosen must have experience of the courts and tribunals in which they will sit — a "certain amount of experience of contentious litigation". There must, he said, be some way in which such competence and knowledge can be judged. Those appointed to sit as deputy district judges or assistant recorders would find themselves immediately in charge of a live case, summing up to a jury and dealing with actual litigants who would expect them to know what they were doing.

Mrs Royce, a sole practitioner in East Sussex who sits as an industrial tribunal chairman, said: "This is the problem: how to show to your referees, who are crucial for your application, that you can do it. In my case I had no experience of industrial tribunals but I was an agent for the Crown Prosecution Service for several years and when I started, I did not find it strange because I was so imbued with the court process."

Lord Mackay offered some carrots: he rejected the notion of the "quick fix" to the problem by lowering the age of judicial appointment, but said in some cases assistant recorders were selected at 36 or 37. *Where women had taken time out, he* would be flexible about the usual upper age limits. Yet listeners came away from the meeting in London uncertain and unconvinced that they could progress.

"I told them, take a sabbatical — take time out, and somehow get the court experience," Mrs Royce said. "Many City solicitors live in a rarefied world: if they want to be a judge, they must make sacrifices. Women are a bit too cautious. It is a bit of gamble but so is everything."

Some women cannot afford to take that chance; and may also wonder why they should have this extra and arduous hoop when their Bar contemporaries do not. After last week, they will be watching Lord Mackay to see — from judicial appointments he now makes — whether, for women solicitors, there is what he would call a level playing field.

FRANCES GIBB

Old habits die hard

INNS AND OUTS

THE office of QC may be as ancient as the hills, but the ceremony that surrounds the call to silk has felt the cut of the wish of Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, to streamline the system.

After the call ceremony in the House of Lords, tradition dictates that all the new silks traipse off to the Royal Courts in the Strand to be called to the silks' bar, one by one. They used to do it in every court, but that was cut to four.

With 70 new silks this year, that would still have taken forever. So Lord Taylor decreed that there would be only one call, in his court. However, the five new Chancery silks still insisted on doing the rounds and bowing to all the dozen or so Chancery judges sitting last Tuesday.

Long-term theme

JOHN Young, partner with Cameron Markby Hewitt, was voted in last week as deputy vice-president of the Law Society for 1993 to 1994, which means he will succeed to the presidency in two years' time. Young, 58, who is married, with four children, runs a church choir and plays the organ, has made his mark as chairman of the Solicitors' Indemnity Fund, which pays out millions every year for the profession's negligence. Not surprisingly, he says he is likely to make "excellence" and the promotion of high standards the theme of his year of office.



No places to go

TRAINEESHIPS should be abolished, the Legal Action Group says in a submission to the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Education and Conduct.

The group suggests replacing traineeships with skills-training on the Legal Practice Course to start next autumn. It points out that while there will be about 6,000 places on the new course, there are now fewer than 4,000 registered traineeships in solicitors offices. Many students are therefore likely to finish the course with no prospect of being able to qualify.

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Bar group

BLACK lawyers have formed a new group: the Commonwealth and Ethnic Barristers' Association. Tariq Rafique, the group's chairman, says the aim is to secure a fair deal for Commonwealth and ethnic barristers practising in Britain. The group will complement, not rival, the Society of Black Lawyers.

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Bristol mobilises for action

Lawyers are helping to boost Avon's economy

Bristol lawyers have thrown their weight behind a new venture to boost investment and economic development in Avon and "make the county one of the most prosperous and technically advanced regions in Europe".

A consortium is to bring together public and private sectors, along the lines of similar successful partnerships in Birmingham and Merseyside. *Frances Gibb writes.*

If it takes off, Avon's consortium could be the basis for a bigger venture for the West of England.

The involvement of lawyers was prompted by Bristol Law Society, with its 800 solicitors and 100-member firms.

Simon Baker, last year's president, says: "These investment partnerships have been a major force in attracting funds in other parts of the country ... I felt that lawyers could make a significant contribution."

Bristol Law Society brought together professional bodies — accountants, surveyors, financial institutions, architects, commercial property agents — and convened the Avon Professional Forum, which will have a seat on the joint partnership to be launched this summer through a guarantee company.

The partnership itself will include county councils and six district councils, trade unions, commercial bodies and universities.

Mr Baker says: "Our economy is disproportionately based on defence and financial services, where job numbers are declining.

"If we put into this venture support and advice which leads to the development of small businesses, we will in the end have more clients, more work and see more economic activity."



Under fire: Jeff Jamar, right, the agent leading the FBI at Waco, with colleagues, and, inset, Janet Reno, the Attorney-General

Unforgivable mistakes

James D. Zirin reports on the errors that led to the Waco disaster — and the after-effects for President Clinton

When the decision of the new Attorney-General, Janet Reno, to storm the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, resulted in the deaths of more than 80 cultists, she promptly accepted responsibility. But her mistake is unforgivable.

The FBI knew much about the cult and its leader, David Koresh, aged 33, who told his followers that they would meet their end in an apocalyptic confrontation with the law. The agency knew that Mr Koresh had threatened mass suicides, and they knew they were possibly dealing with a psychopath like the Rev Jim Jones who engineered the 1978 Guyana mass suicide. What is strange is that there was no ultimatum from Mr Koresh and no new incident to provoke federal action. These were not terrorists holding hostages, but religious fanatics awaiting Götterdämmerung. The agents simply decided the time had come.

However, a peculiar factor in such situations is that in America law enforcement officials report to the Attorney-General, who is the chief legal officer, rather than to a home secretary, who has a staff experienced in handling crises. But there are no legal guidelines to assist the Attorney-General and no possibility of judicial review. Only good judgment sets the standard, the goal being to solve innocent lives. At Waco, there was, nevertheless, no rational basis for the decision to assault the compound and introduce tear gas via a clumsy armoured vehicle equipped to poke holes in the compound buildings.

The basic options presented by the FBI to Ms Reno were to continue to negotiate in the hope that some or all cultists would leave the compound and surrender, or to take action to force the issue. President Clinton, himself a lawyer, asked his Attorney-General, "Why now?" when she sought his approval of the assault plan. The scheme was totally flawed. Its stated goal was to encourage women and children to flee; its consequence was to trigger Mr Koresh to murderous action. There was no rationale other than that the government had lost patience.

History teaches us that to any government, human life is cheap. But to every democratic government, human life must not *appear* to be cheap. Thus, as the president stated, the objective of the exercise had to be a termination of the crisis "without bloodshed and further loss of life". The Attorney-General lamely justified the operation on the basis that the detail of federal agents was fatigued after 90 days and no back-ups were available to replace them. Ms Reno should do better than that. She acknowledged that she had "worried" that her plan could bring mass suicide, but had decided this was unlikely. She will certainly have to do better than that. Strong managers find replacements. Strong managers also consider worst-case scenarios.

The scheme Ms Reno approved was a disaster. When Mr Koresh and his cultists began burning themselves, no fire-fighters were on hand. While federal officials offered the excuse that fire-fighters would not have been equipped to withstand the Davidians' arsenal of weapons, they conceded that they had not anticipated a fire. So disaster was then inevitable.

Surviving cult members denied that Mr Koresh had ordered a mass suicide and even claimed that the fire was ignited by federal agents. Congressional committees will be exploring these claims.

The FBI has been much criticised in recent months. William Sessions, its leader, has been charged with ethics violations and is likely to be replaced, and the agency's handling of the World Trade Center bombing has been questioned. But all this pales by comparison with the justice department's ineptitude at Waco.

In Washington, pundits assessed possible political damage to President Clinton, who acknowledged the ultimate responsibility for the fiasco. Presidents should be seen as effective when they take bold action. When daring operations such as that in Texas fail, presidents are seen as vulnerable.

Meanwhile, as investigators pore over the ashes in Waco, most Americans say that they support the Attorney-General and blame the disaster on Koresh. Ms Reno says it is too early to talk about lessons learned, but guidelines for handling such situations are certain to emerge.

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London lawyers look to Italy

Business people need more than just legal interpretations to promote their interests

The huge "Sì" vote for political reform in last week's referendum in Italy should usher in a string of constitutional and administrative changes.

How fast it will happen is anyone's guess, although Giovanni de Berti, a Milanese lawyer and a prominent member of Mario Segni's reform movement, was emphasising last week that the popular mood is impatient for change. "It might all be accomplished in as little as a few months," he said after the results.

Signor de Berti is typical of the modern outward-looking Italian lawyer. Regularly doing business with non-Italian lawyers and aware that his country has the reputation for being the "defaulting member of the European Community", he is keen that Italy should have an effective government whose dealings are seen as above board.

Although many of Italy's smaller to medium-size businesses are bubbling along irrespective of recession, the political scandals have hit big enterprises and deterred foreign investment. Lawyers in London who had expected to do well out of Italy have been disappointed by the past couple of years.

> A British road-show will visit ten cities

Francesco Seassaro, the resident London partner for Carnelutti, Italy's largest law firm, said that while the volume of work has not gone down, the quality had changed. "We're handling a lot of litigation and insolvency work but not many acquisitions," he says.

Meanwhile, Frere Cholmeley, which has an office in Milan and a close association with a five-partner Rome firm, confessed that the returns so far on its Italian investment had been disappointing. "Financial institutions are now saying to us 'hands off Italy'," says Stephen Williams, the partner responsible for liaison with Italy.

Faced with its enormous public debt, however, Italy needs foreign investment. An article in *Il Sole* earlier this year quoted Howard Davies of the CBI as saying that there was renewed interest among British companies in Italy and that they were eager "to make up for lost time". In fact, British business is biding its time to see how things start to pan out.

Investment is more likely in the other direction. For example, the partners in the Italian practice at Penningtons have been impressed by the degree of interest in Britain from their clients.

Mackenzie Mills, a London law firm with a ten-year record of business in the peninsula, has just announced that it will take a road-show around ten north Italian cities this summer to promote investment in the UK. Backed by both the British and Italian governments and in tandem with Moores Rowland, the accountants, the Mackenzie Mills team will speak to local chambers of commerce and other potential sources of business.

"Because of the present situation in Italy, the business community is more interested than in the past in moving its money out of the country," says Bob Maynard, who is helping with the road-show. "Britain is potentially an attractive option for Italians, provided the cultural divide between the British and Italian way of doing things can be breached."

Italians tend to rely more on good faith and doing what Mr Maynard describes as the "honourable thing", while the British will rely on the small print in contracts.

"The paradox is that while the two nations like each other, each also regards the other as tricky and unreliable," Mr Maynard, whose mother is Italian, says. "That is why they need lawyers who can provide social and cultural interpretation as well as legal advice."

One of the most important tests for the new Italy is whether their public works contracts will genuinely be opened up to competitive tendering from foreign companies. The corruption investigations have put a freeze on a lot of public works contracts, but Signor de Berti is confident that with a fresh system in place, British contracts will soon be found undertaking public works in Milan and elsewhere.

"For definite," he says. Well, let's say, maybe.

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Right to require documents

In re Bishopsgate Investment Management Ltd

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Rose

[Judgment April 7]

The right of the Serious Fraud Office to require the production of documents under section 2 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987 was exercisable against a person who had been charged with a criminal offence.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, when giving reasons for refusing on March 26 an application by Mr Larry Trachtenberg for leave to appeal against an order of Mr Justice Vinelott of February 10.

Mr Michael Hill, QC, Mr James Richardson and Mr Stephen Moverley Smith for Mr Trachtenberg: Mr A. W. H. Charles for the Department of Trade and Industry: Miss Mary Arden, QC and Miss Kate Thirlwall for the SFO.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that Mr Trachtenberg's application raised issues as to the right of the SFO to require the production under section 2 of the 1987 Act by office-holders, namely receivers and liquidators, of the transcripts of private examinations conducted under section 236 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Mr Trachtenberg was a director of two companies with which the late Robert Maxwell had been concerned. After the death of Robert Maxwell joint administrative receivers were appointed of one of those companies, and the other went into compulsory liquidation. The office-holders obtained orders for the private examination of Mr Trachtenberg under section 236 in relation to the affairs of the two companies and the examination duly took place over a number of days in February and March 1992.

On June 18 Mr Trachtenberg was arrested and charged with four charges of theft and two of conspiracy to defraud. No notice of transfer to the crown court had yet been given in respect of those charges.

Before his arrest he had not been questioned at all by the SFO, which had from November 1991 been conducting an investigation into the affairs of Robert Maxwell and of many of the companies with which he had been concerned.

On June 29, 1992, however, Mr Trachtenberg was served with a notice under section 2 of the 1987 Act requiring him to answer questions and supply information.

Mr Trachtenberg refused to comply with that notice, save for giving bare personal details, claiming that he had a "reasonable excuse" within the meaning of section 2(13) for his refusal in that he had been charged with criminal offences and had the right not to disclose his defence, at any rate until a much later stage after he had received the full prosecution case statement under section 9.

The consequence of that refusal was that Mr Trachtenberg was prosecuted by the SFO in Clerkenwell Magistrates' Court under section 2(13). The magistrate upheld Mr Trachtenberg's plea of reasonable excuse and dismissed the charge. The SFO proposed to take steps, by appeal or judicial review, to quash the magistrate's decision but that had not yet happened.

In December 1992 and January 1993 the SFO served notices under section 2(3) of the Act on the office-holders of the two companies requiring them to produce the transcripts of Mr Trachtenberg's examinations under section 236 of the 1986 Act.

The essence of Mr Trachtenberg's point was that he claimed to have a reasonable excuse for not answering the questions of the SFO because he had already been charged and he said, because of that, that the SFO had no right to get, or should not be allowed by the court to get the information they wanted from him by a side-wind by getting the transcripts of his examinations from the office-holders.

The essence of the case was that, as he had been charged, and he could not be compelled to disclose his defence at that stage, he could not be compelled to answer questions or supply information if he did not want to.

That faced the rather formidable obstacle that in *R v Director of the Serious Fraud Office, Ex parte Smith* (*The Times* June 16, 1992; [1993] AC 1) the House of Lords had held the precise opposite: namely, that the powers of the director did not come to an end when the person under investigation had been charged and the director was accordingly entitled to compel that person to answer questions even after he had been charged.

However, the real point in the present case was different. The examination of Mr Trachtenberg took place before he was charged.

It was one thing to say that a person could not be compelled to answer further questions after he had been charged; it was quite different thing to say that further evidence against him could not be obtained from third parties after he had been charged in respect of matters which had happened before he was charged.

It had never been the law that in a criminal case the prosecution had to go to trial on such evidence only as they had when the defendant was arrested and charges were first preferred against him.

Under the Criminal Justice Act 1987 (Notice of Transfer) Regulations (SI 1988 No 1691) a notice of transfer to the crown court had to be accompanied by a statement of the evidence on which any charge to which the notice of transfer related was based, but there was nothing to limit that evidence to evidence obtained by the prosecution before the person concerned was arrested.

Mr Hill accepted that if the SFO had applied to the office-holders for the transcripts before Mr Trachtenberg was arrested and charged, the points he now took would have provided no answer to the SFO claim to have the documents. There was nothing to make the position different now that Mr Trachtenberg had been charged.

Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Rose delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Russell Jones & Walker; Treasury Solicitor.

Prisoner entitled to see reports

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department and Another, Ex parte Singh (Prem)

Before Lord Justice Evans and Mr Justice Morland

[Reasons April 20]

A prisoner, sentenced as a young offender to be detained during her Majesty's pleasure, under section 53(1) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933, whose release on licence was revoked following a recommendation by the Parole Board, was entitled in the interests of fairness and natural justice to see all the reports, subject to any claim for public interest immunity, that were before the board at the time of its review.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held giving reasons for its allowing on April 7 an application for judicial review by Prem Singh, and granting an order of certiorari quashing the decision of the Parole Board on December 19, 1991, not to recommend the applicant's immediate release on licence, and a declaration that he was entitled to see, subject to any claim for public interest immunity, all the reports before the board on that date and at any subsequent review under section 62(4) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967.

Mr Edward Fitzgerald for the applicant; Mr Guy Sankey, QC, for the Home Secretary and the Parole Board.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said that the applicant was convicted of murder in 1973 when aged 15 and released on licence, under section 61(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967, in October 1990 following a recommendation by the board.

He was arrested and appeared in Bristol Magistrates' Court in relation to alleged offences of obtaining by deception on March 12, 1991. His licence was revoked after a further recommendation by the board and he was recalled to prison.

The reasons for recall given by the Home Office were: (i) that reports indicated he had lied to and misled his supervising officers and avoided telling them of a variety of significant events following release; (ii) the alleged criminal charges, and (iii) his irresponsible behaviour set against the circumstances surrounding the offence for which he was given a life sentence in 1973 made it impossible for the Home Secretary to be satisfied that his continued presence in the community did not constitute a risk to the public.

The applicant had spent 17 years in custody by 1990. It was accepted that that was at least sufficient to discharge the part of his life sentence now described as punitive, or the tariff, as was demonstrated by his release on parole licence. His status was of a person whose continued detention could only be justified if the test of dangerousness, that is, an unacceptable risk of physical danger to the life or limb of members of public, was satisfied: *R v Parole Board, Ex parte Bradley* ([1991] 1 WLR 134, 141-142).

The applicant's case was considered by the board on March 12, August 21 and December 19, 1991 pursuant to section 62(1) of the 1967 Act.

The only explanation given to him, before the present proceedings, of the material that was placed before the board was contained in a letter to him from the chief probation officer of the Avon Probation Service.

It recited, *inter alia*, that the applicant gave inaccurate or no information on important developments in his life to his supervising officer, such as the purchase of at least one motor vehicle, obtaining employment with a pizza firm, giving false information to that firm as to his age and previous convictions, having a relationship and being less than honest about his circumstances, and running up considerable debts in respect of his accommodation.

Affidavit evidence from the Home Office indicated that the board on December 19, 1991, considered it paramount, irrespective of the final outcome of the charges, the fact that the applicant had continually lied to his supervising officer over a number of matters, and that questioned the sincerity of all his actions while under supervision.

The charges against the applicant never came to trial because the indictments were tendered out of time; an application for a voluntary bill of indictment was refused by a High Court judge in April 1992.

The applicant's solicitors formally requested the secretary of state to refer his case back to the board under section 62(4), but he was unwilling to do so.

Mr Fitzgerald submitted that the applicant was entitled to see all the material that was before the board on December 19 which he had never seen, and that the board could not reasonably, properly and sensibly reach its decision not to recommend his immediate release on licence on the material so far as was known was before it.

Mr Sankey contended that neither the secretary of state not the board was obliged to produce the material, and furthermore the board was not obliged to give reasons for its decision; he relied on the Court of Appeal decision in *Payne v Lord Harris of Greenwich* ([1981] 1 WLR 754).

Having considered sections 59, 60, and 61 of the 1967 Act, his Lordship said that the effect of those sections was that no prisoner could be released early on licence without a recommendation from the board, yet notwithstanding such a recommendation the Home Secretary had a statutory discretion whether or not to order his release.

Having considered section 62, his Lordship said that the distinction between section 62(5) [the Home Secretary shall give effect to the board's recommendation] and section 61(1) [the Home Secretary may do so] gave rise to the central issue in the present case.

Section 34 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, which came into effect in October 1992 and related to discretionary life prisoners, gave statutory effect to the distinction between the tariff element of the life sentence and the subsequent period during which further detention was justified only when the test of dangerousness was satisfied.

Those provisions expressly did not apply to mandatory life prisoners whose sentence was fixed by law, nor to young offenders ordered to be detained under section 53 of the 1933 Act.

Since October 1992, discretionary life prisoners were entitled under Home Office procedures to see all papers placed before the board at its hearings, subject to certain exceptions. The Home Secretary announced on December 16 that the same policy would apply to board reviews of mandatory life prisoners from April 1, 1993: see *Hansard* (Vol 216, No 97, col 218-219). That was not the practice in December 1991.

His Lordship said that none of the reported cases involved a prisoner sentenced as a young offender; the court was told that such prisoners when they became adults were regarded as if they were sentenced to mandatory life imprisonment.

The material before the board was known to have included full depositions of witnesses in the criminal proceedings which never came to trial, and it could be inferred there were also police reports setting out the nature of the prosecution's case against the applicant.

The Home Office believed that the prosecution failed because of a legal technicality and the applicant could not claim to have been acquitted. But it did not follow that he would have been convicted if tried.

If, as seemed likely, the board was influenced by the prosecution evidence in December 1991 which the applicant did not see, it became all the more important in the interests of fairness that he should have had that opportunity before it reached its decision.

Accordingly the applicant had made good his claim that natural justice entitled him to see all the reports, subject to any claim for public interest immunity, at the review in December 1991 and at any subsequent review under section 62(4) of the 1967 Act.

His Lordship considered the cases of *Payne*, *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Gunnell* (*The Times* November 7, 1984; CA (Civil Division) Transcript No 391 of 1984) and *R v Parole Board, Ex parte Wilson* ([1992] QB 740).

The decision in *Wilson*, to the effect that the change in circumstances affecting discretionary life prisoners which occurred before December 1991 entitled them to see the material placed before the board reviewing their cases under section 61(1), was binding on the court; it also decided that the distinction between mandatory and discretionary life prisoners provided a valid ground for distinguishing *Payne*.

At the time of sentencing, the detention order under section 53 was mandatory; it was indeed the statutory equivalent for young persons of the mandatory life sentence for murder. But the sentence itself was close in substance to the discretionary sentence.

By its terms, detention "during her Majesty's pleasure", the order was both discretionary and indeterminate. For the purposes of the present case his Lordship decided that the applicant should be regarded as equivalent to a discretionary life prisoner for the purpose of determining whether *Wilson* rather than *Payne* governed the case.

Payne was also clearly distinguishable, in his Lordship's view, on the basis that there was a significant and material difference between a section 61(1) review, with which the judgments in *Payne* were concerned, and the recall review under section 62(4); that distinction was noted in all three judgments in *Payne* (see pp757, 763, and 767).

The overwhelming trend of contemporary views and practice was such that the decision in *Payne* should not be extended, in his Lordship's view, to cover a situation which the court there expressly distinguished from the one before it.

Although *Gunnell* involved a recall review, the authority was not binding in the light of the decision in *Wilson* not to follow it.

His Lordship concluded that *Payne* did not preclude the court reaching its decision in the present case, and added that the recent change in Home Office policy would make it unnecessary in future cases whether *Payne* should still be regarded as good law so far as mandatory life prisoners were concerned.

Mr Justice Morland agreed.

Solicitors: Rodney King, Bristol; Treasury Solicitor.

Heroin addict assertion inadmissible

Regina v Rothwell

Before Lord Justice Roch, Mr Justice McCullough and Mr Justice Alliott

[Judgment April 7]

An assertion by a prosecution witness that someone receiving a package was a heroin addict was inadmissible in evidence unless the witness had first-hand knowledge of the fact or it was based on that person's convictions for possession of the specified drug.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in dismissing an appeal by Stanley Rothwell against his conviction in July 1991 at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court (Judge Crawford, QC and a jury) of supplying and possessing heroin.

Mr Michael Hodson, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant: Mr Paul Batty for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE ROCH, giving the judgment of the court, said that the prosecution's case was based on police surveillance of the appellant when he was observed passing small packages to various people, some of whom were known to the police as heroin users. One of the officers gave evidence at trial that four of the recipients were known to him as users of heroin.

On appeal, it was argued that such evidence was inadmissible and on examination of the basis of that assertion it was clear that the officer was relying upon information given to him by others and upon the general reputation that those four people had with the drug squad in Newcastle.

Where the prosecution wished to lead such evidence and objection was taken by the defence, the judge should enquire into the basis of the prosecution witness's evidence that the alleged recipient of the package from the defendant was a known user of the drug specified in the charge of unlawfully supplying the drug.

If the basis turned out to be statements made to the witness by others, including the alleged recipient, then the evidence should not be admitted. If the prosecution witness's statement was based on the alleged recipient's convictions for possession of the specified drug or, for example, observation of hypodermic needle marks on the alleged recipient's forearms, or on the fact that he had first-hand knowledge of the alleged recipient being in possession of the drug or receiving treatment for addiction to the drug, then the evidence was not hearsay and could be admitted, subject to the court's discretion under section 78(1) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 to exclude it.

Convictions for possession of the drug specified in the charge would be admissible under section 74, again subject to the judge's discretion under section 78. In that second situation, the defence might well prefer that no reference to the convictions of the alleged recipient should be made by the prosecution witness in his evidence in chief so that prejudice to the defendant was minimised.

No doubt the prosecution would assent to such a course, with the reservation that if the witness's statement were to be challenged in cross-examination the witness would then be able to refer to the conviction as forming the basis or part of the basis of his assertion.

In their Lordships' judgment, the police officer here did not have direct personal knowledge of matters which could justify his conclusion that those four persons were heroin users, therefore the judge was wrong to rule that that evidence was admissible and that constituted an irregularity.

However, all the other evidence pointed incontrovertibly to the fact that the appellant was supplying illegal drugs and consequently the proviso to section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 would be applied and the appeal dismissed.

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Geoff Brown on the Swinging Sixties as reflected in films of the time, now being revived

Groovy movies and fab gear

Some bleak figures from the film front. By the end of March, the trade journal *Screen International* reported recently, only five more-or-less British movies had got underway this year: the lowest number since 1986. Only two, Charlotte Brandstrom's *A Business Affair* and Chris Menges's *Second Best*, were actually being shot in Britain.

Turn the clock back 26 years. 76 films were produced in Britain during 1967; by the middle of March the following year, 19 more films had come before the cameras. The joint was jumping. This was Swinging London. If you need reminding, or are too young to have first-hand memories, the Barbican Cinema's season "Blow-Up: The Sixties Film Scene in London" provides a dizzying crash course.

The Beatles drove fans into a frenzy in *A Hard Day's Night* and *Help!* Inquisitive foreigners came and observed: Polanski with *Repulsion*, Godard with the Rolling Stones and *Sympathy for the Devil*, Antonioni with *Blow-Up* — one of the most memorable of all Sixties films, revived for eight shows at the Barbican in a newly struck print. Dick Lester's *The Knack* won the Grand Prix at Cannes in 1965. Marianne Faithfull zipped up in black leather for the famously fatuous *Girl on a Motorcycle*, and the BFI made its portentous first feature, Don Levy's *Herostratus*. There was Connery and Caine, jazzy editing and E-type Jaguars. Heroines were up to here.

How was this cornucopia possible? And can we learn anything to help our industry regain its vitality a quarter of a century later? One key factor lies quite beyond recall: the spirit of the age. The Swinging London image of endless dolly birds and boutiques might well have been exaggerated, pumped up by films, advertisements and popular journalism, and promoted chiefly for export use. But there was genuine optimism in the air. The world's eyes turned to a rejuvenated culture previously characterised by lingering remnants of Fifties stagnation or the earnest revolt of the Angry Young Men.

At the beginning of the Sixties, the upper echelon British movie typically offered gritty portrayals of northern life in black-and-white: even *A Hard Day's Night*, the Beatles' first film, made a slight attempt to observe reality. But by 1965 in *Help!*, you can barely see the rooftops for the crazy sets, the surreal japes and movie parodies.



Verushka and David Hemmings in Antonioni's *Blow-Up* (1967), to be given eight showings at the Barbican in a newly struck print

Vitality and experiment ruled. The traditional industry structure was already disintegrating, but new talent could still find a place. Ken Russell, John Boorman, Ken Loach and John Schlesinger, sharp-eyed recruits from television, made their first features; Nicolas Roeg co-directed the flamboyant *Performance*, another key offering.

Michael Caine acquired a new lease of life as the Cockney philanderer in *Alfie* and the shabby secret agent of Len Deighton's thrillers; so did David Hemmings as that icon of the age, the fashion photographer, tumbling upon a possible murder in *Blow-Up*. Fresh, off-beat faces grabbed the audience's attention: Terence Stamp, prominently featured in the op-art frenzy of *Modesty Blaise*; Rita Tushingham, the waif of *A Taste of Honey* and *The Knack*.

> 'One key factor lies beyond recall: the spirit of the age'

Twenty-five years on, there is no shortage of youthful talent worth promoting, but the party atmosphere has long gone: no balloons and no champagne. The air is heavy with cynicism, defeat, exhaustion: the artistic residue of Thatcher's Britain. Enough social problems exist in the country to feed an army of penetrating dramas, updated equivalents of *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning* or even *Love on the Dole*, but our cinema fights shy of confrontation. Audiences prefer to wrap themselves up in Hollywood's dreams or travel back to the Edwardian utopia of *Howards End*. This cannot be healthy.

However, the crucial ingredient in the mid-Sixties boom was money. Not British money: the finance that kept our studios flourishing came largely from America. The key film here — unfortunately absent from the Barbican's season — is *Tom Jones*, released in 1963. When British sources blanched at the amount Woodfall Films needed to mount their all-colour, all-romping version of Fielding's novel, United Artists stepped in. The film's huge success, and the lure of Swinging London, however bogus, paved the way for heavy investment in British productions from most of Hollywood's major studios.

We'll make nine films in Britain, announced MGM in 1964. We'll make 17, shouted Paramount. By 1965, the National Film Finance Corporation was already warning that unbridled use of American resources would jeopardise our industry's identity. But the transatlantic ventures rolled on and on: Terence Stamp in *The Collector*; an all-star cast jostling elbows in *The Yellow Rolls-Royce*; the Bond thrillers; glossy escapism such as *Arabesque*; off-beat indulgences such as Dick Lester's *How I Won the War*, the Kubrick spectacular *2001*; stabs at culture such as *Oedipus the King* and Richard Burton as *Dr Faustus*.

It was a bubble, of course, and it burst. The more films there were, the more flops there were, especially when some appeared so plainly misconceived. Attendance figures had been dropping steadily since the Fifties, and this Sixties bubble did nothing to reverse the decline. Whoever thought there could be an audience for Anthony Newley's *Can Heironymus Merkin Ever Forget Mercy Humppe And Find True Happiness?* — aside, that is, from Anthony Newley? In the late Sixties, Hollywood's own productions, meanwhile, recovered some of their former snap. *Bonnie and Clyde*, *The Graduate*, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*: these were the films people wanted to see. By 1970, Hollywood companies were in retreat, leaving an industry grown dangerously dependent on outside help.

With the *Star Wars* and *Indiana Jones* series, George Lucas and Steven Spielberg demonstrated the value of using British craftsmen and studio space on blockbusters heavy with special effects. But this is a different matter from pouring funds into an ambitious production programme; and for all the optimistic talk of increased American activity, sparked by the currently favourable dollar exchange rate, there seems no chance of a second American invasion today. If outside help for the film industry must be sought, European funding seems the most practical answer, provided film-makers can avoid creating those indigestible Europuddings.

Nobody can deny that time has treated some of these Sixties films harshly. The floral ties, psychedelic colours and mini-skirts currently seem far more dated than fashions from the Thirties or Forties; while the frisky editing and camera movements can drive a soul to distraction. Yet it is hard not to look back fondly to an industry that kept both Norman Wisdom and Jean-Luc Godard gainfully employed. In the Nineties the range of options for British film-makers has shrunk dispiritingly: when you make films at all, you make polite costume dramas, you make art for Channel 4 or the BFI, or you supply low-budget action fodder. In the hothouse Sixties, all kinds of strange, impossible flowers bloomed. It is good to drink their nectar again.

● Blow-Up: The Sixties Film Scene in London *runs from Friday to May 13 at Barbican Cinemas 1 and 2, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (071-638 8891).*

British theatre today

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Fiona Shaw: one of the panel on Thursday night

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NEW YORK THEATRE

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St James Theatre

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It remains one of the most thoughtful and original works in the genre. Yet a quarter century is an aeon in the world of popular culture, and one would have thought that by now *Tommy* would be an historical curiosity, a relic from the days of bell-bottoms and platform shoes.

Well, bell-bottoms and platforms are back in style, so why not *Tommy*? Des McAnuff, artistic director of La Jolla [California] Playhouse calculated that the teenagers who saw The Who perform *Tommy* at Woodstock in 1969 are now middle-aged gentry, too old for rock concerts but still spry enough to be looking for an evening out. Working in collaboration with Pete Townshend, The Who's leader and the principal composer of *Tommy*, he developed this lavish, energetic staging of the piece, which has opened on Broadway at the St James Theatre.

Like *Buddy* and *Beatlemania* before it, *The Who's Tommy* — to call it by its proper name — is completely pre-sold: as Alexander Woollcott once said of a Victor Herbert musical, the audience in this case comes *into* the theatre whistling the tunes. At the press preview, the audience cheered lustily at exactly the same moments they used to cheer Pete Townshend's acrobatic leaps and Roger Daltrey's microphone twirls, even though the music was being played by union rock musicians, invisible in a covered pit.

The production follows the cardinal rule of this sort of undertaking: it deviates not one whit from the original. A few numbers have been recast: "Acid Queen", as in Ken Russell's film version, has been rescored as a funky blues, and "Tommy Can You Hear Me" is here a doo-wop number straight out of *Grease*. But otherwise, except for one pallid new song ("I Believe My Own Eyes") and numerous reprises of "Pinball Wizard", the score follows the original with scarcely a note out of place.

In some ways, the story is actually sharpened in the stage version. When it was performed by The Who, Roger Daltrey sang most of the solo parts, which meant that one had to know the story well to follow it in a performance. But in the stage version, of course, the different voices are embodied by flesh-and-blood actors.

Des McAnuff has grafted onto Townshend's sturdy rock score some of the most sophisticated stage magic money can buy. Psychedelic lighting and audio effects, kaleidoscopic projections and banks of video monitors are all deployed. Tommy, played with athletic charisma by Michael Cerveris, makes a soaring entrance from the flies on a wire; in the second reprise of "Pinball Wizard", the theatre itself is transformed into a huge, glittering pinball machine.

British members of the audience may find themselves more amused than persuaded by the glitzy evocation of the Fifties' Teddy Boy ethos and the Hollywood British accent affected by the cast (many of whom came with the production from California), though that has always been America's revenge for the strange, syrupy conception of the American accent that is propagated in the West End.

While Townshend's tuneful, supremely catchy music has held up well, even Who fans will find the piece dated. The very notion of the hero becoming a pinball wizard seems quaintly passé in an era when computer games have made pinball machines museum pieces. One doubts whether Cerveris had ever tried his hand at the chrome-plated flippers before he was cast in the name part.

Nonetheless, diehard fans will not be disappointed by this production. And their support will undoubtedly make it a hit.

JAMIE JAMES



Looking in the mirror: Tommy, played with athletic charisma by Michael Cerveris in the new production, in blind contemplation

TELEVISION REVIEW: **Matthew d'Ancona**

The war in the airwaves

Distress Signals
Channel 4

Sooner or later every village must have a chieftain, and the global village of television found its own long ago in America. Naturally, this has not been to the taste of everyone in the televisual tribe. Last night's documentary, *Distress Signals*, looked critically at the extraordinary global dominance of American television and the campaigns of resistance which are fought against it.

This was a good old-fashioned conscience film which posed a basic enough question: how much has the thriving marketplace in television "product" undermined indigenous cultures and what steps should be taken to prevent further damage? African film-makers, Canadian surrealists and righteous Eurocrats were said to be fighting the same battle against the common enemy of the American entertainment corporations.

In fact, I was struck by the sheer diversity of their war-cries against the alleged cultural invader. Local rebellions against the same lord do not always signify the same thing. The Zimbabweans making the hit television drama *Know Your Roots* — which 80 per cent of the nation's television sets tune in to — simply wanted to make more episodes of it. As it was, they could only afford to film an hour of the series a month, forcing radical economies. "Don't buy an expensive cake," one of ZBC's executives warned his producers. It is odd to think of a pricey pastry pushing *EastEnders* or *Baywatch* over-budget.

Though the sight of rapt African faces watching *Dallas* in a bus trundling through the outskirts of Harare was indeed curious, the programme did show — if only incidentally — that the role of American television in the Third World is not necessarily destructive. Because it is sold to poorer countries at an extraordinarily cheap rate — perhaps $500 an hour — it frees funds for local production. J.R. Ewing may yet in this way subsidise the great African productions of the future.

Quite different motivations underpinned the objections of the European contributors. The filmmaker Bertrand Tavernier complained that a handful of men across the Atlantic were now dictating the world's televisual diet, a view with which some senior European officials seemed to agree. They bristled with contempt for the televisual tidal wave of Americana. Even President Mitterrand was not doing enough to stem the flow, apparently.

This is a battle of which we will hear much more. Now that the Cold war is over, people are casting around for new antipathies and have surely found one in the fight to define "European culture" (if such a thing exists). On the one hand, Atlanticists will defend the growth of British and American cable and satellite stations. They will not be troubled by the idea of *Miami Vice*, *Cosby* or CNN on screens in Zagreb or Turin.

On the other, the new breed of European will try to construct a television culture to complement Delors-ist federalism, beamed into our homes from the heavens. Already Euro Disney is being made less American, as strictly *communautaire* works of history roll off the scholarly presses at the EC's behest. Television will be next. The "Cold war" in culture, as this programme illustrated, has only just begun.

Barely alive but kicking strongly

ONE might expect France to have five entries in the competition section at the Cannes Film Festival. But poor beleaguered Britain as well? This year's record British line-up includes Mike Leigh's *Naked* (a study of the London homeless), Kenneth Branagh's *Much Ado About Nothing*, Ken Loach's *Raining Stones* (about a couple struggling to buy their daughter a communion dress) and Elaine Proctor's *Friends*, a South African co-production set in Johannesburg.

There is also one joker in the pack: Eric Idle's mistaken identity comedy *Splitting Heirs*, roasted by the British critics, which looks more than a little strange alongside heavyweight entries from the Taviani Brothers (*Fiorile*), Wim Wenders (*So Far Away, So Close*) and Chen Kaige (*Farewell to my Concubine*).

Elsewhere in next month's festival Peter Greenaway's latest enigma, the Dutch co-production *The Baby of Macon*, gets a special screening, and Stephen Frears's television film of Roddy Doyle's *The Snappers* is scheduled to open the Critics' Fortnight. The fun starts on May 13.

ARTS BRIEFING

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ON THE LEDGE: Alan Bleasdale's comic and chaotic study of inner city collapse opens at the National following its Nottingham premiere. Robin Lefevre's ebulliently acted production stars Mark McGann and David Ross.
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LOVE IN THE COUNTRY: A jolly musical set in ancient Lesbos and certain to be bawdy: a revival of the 1970 show by Michael Alfreds and the late Anthony Bowles
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Fri, Sat, 2.30pm. (Gala performance at Duke of York's on Sun, 7.30pm.)

PLAYING BY THE RULES: Surviving the streets as a rent boy: Rod Dungate's sharp comedy comes to London after two sell-out runs at the Birmingham Rep.
Drill Hall, Chenies Street, WC1 (071-637 8270). Previews tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm; opens Thurs, 7.30pm; then Tues-Sat, 7.30pm.

NICOLAI GEDDA: The veteran tenor gives a recital of Schubert, Strauss and Rachmaninov, accompanied by pianist Geoffrey Parsons
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm.

PRO ARTE GUITAR TRIO: Daniel Thomas, Cornelius Bruinsma and Peter Rueffer give the first British performance of Edmundo Vasquez's *Trio Ritmico* and the world premiere of Andrew York's *Rosetta*; and play works by Villa-Lobos, Milhaud and Astor Piazzola.
Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 8pm.

THE TURNING WORLD: This is the fourth year The Place has presented its season of contemporary dance from abroad. But where previous seasons focused on Europe, this year's dance is from all five continents. It opens with a Canadian company, O Vertigo, whose style is athletic and dangerous. In all, nine companies are being presented over 15 nights.
The Place, 17 Duke's Road, WC1 (071-387 0031), opens tonight, 8pm.

JOHN DAVIES: His first London sculpture show in nine years, this marks a change of direction from the almost

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

life-size figures of circus-like performers which have been Davies's principal preoccupation in recent years. This time he returns to the human head, from tiny carved heads to monumental heads over a metre high. The small carvings are exquisitely precise and revealing of character; the larger-than-lifesize pieces bring a new dimension to his work.
Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle Street, W1 (071-629 5161). Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, Sat, 10am-12.30pm, until Friday.

HOWARD CARTER — BEFORE TUTANKHAMUN: As well as being one of the most famous and successful Egyptologists, Howard Carter was also a skilful draughtsman, watercolourist, photographer and businessman. This exhibition charts Carter's life and achievements from his humble beginnings to his fruitful partnership with the Fifth Earl of Carnarvon.
British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-636 1555). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm, until May 31.

REGIONAL

BUXTON: Crewe-based Century Theatre's production of **A Midsummer Night's Dream** isn't a sparkling new interpretation of Shakespeare but is a satisfying and accomplished first production from the newly appointed artistic director Stephen Unwin.
Opera House, Water Street (0298 72190). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs 1.30pm, Sat, 2.30pm.

CARDIFF: Some 15 years ago, Lawrence Gowing made a singular discovery: a retired Welsh miner who had begun painting at the age of 70 and, quite untutored, had developed his own immediately recognisable style. **Nicholas Evans**'s extraordinary, packed square canvases, evoking the traditional miner's life in virtual monochrome and claustrophobic intimacy, created something of a sensation then, and were bought by the Tate and National Museum of Wales. Now Cardiff presents an impressive show of recent work.
St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 342611). Daily, 10am-4.30pm.

HULL: American Robert Cohan, founder artistic director of London Contemporary Dance Theatre, has successfully fused modern and classical styles in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, his new, full-length ballet for **Scottish Ballet**. Mendelssohn's score is supplemented with music by Barrington Pheloung, creator of the *Inspector Morse* theme.
New Theatre, Kingston Square (0482 226655). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

LIVERPOOL: After an extraordinary run of over eight years in the West End, the cheerful "Lambeth Walk" musical **Me and My Girl** is on a nationwide tour. Noel Gay's effervescent Thirties score perfectly suits the story of a Cockney who inherits a coronet, and fills the ancestral home with his old pals.
Empire, Lime Street (051-709 1555). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

SHEFFIELD: Heavy metal veterans **Van Halen** give their first British performances in nine years. Vocalist Sammy Hagar, who joined the band in 1985, makes his British debut with the band.
Arena (0742 565656), 7.30pm.

TAUNTON: Cardiff's Sherman Theatre Company on a tour of England and Wales with its celebrated production of **Under Milk Wood**, Dylan Thomas's timeless evocation of life, love and dreams of poison in Llareggub.
Brewhouse, Coal Orchard (0823 283244). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

WOKING: **The Russian All Stars'** staging of the Tchaikovsky ballet *The Sleeping Beauty*, on ice, is intended to be popular entertainment. Although lacking in sensitivity — a lot of the small detail is missing from the choreography and the recorded account of the music is blasted across the stage — the skill and bravura of the performances keep the audience applauding. The production is on tour until June.
New Victoria Theatre, The Peacocks Arts Centre (0483 761144). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
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☐ **THE BEGGAR'S OPERA:** John Caird's boisterous production, David Burt is the dashing highwayman.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm, 195mins

◩ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in LA and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

☐ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◩ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins

☐ **FOR SERVICES RENDERED:** Sylvia Syms presides over a crumbling family in Somerset Maugham's 1932 play where all the characters are disillusioned with the first world war.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kieve's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◩ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical, based on Manuel Puig's novel.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success. First seen at the Young Vic.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Previewing eves, 7.45pm; opens May 4, 7.45pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **LION IN THE STREETS:** Julie Legrand, Sonia Ritter, Kerry Shale in Judith Thompson's menacing play in which the ghost of a murdered girl searches for her killer through Toronto.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins.

☐ **LOST IN YONKERS:** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

◩ **MACBETH:** An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat today, 2pm. 140mins.

☐ **RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL:** Welcome revival of St John Hankin's satirical 1905 comedy where a ne'er-do-well justifies sponging on his family.
Orange Tree, 1 Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 120mins.

☐ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT:** John Wells, William Gaunt, Richard Kane and Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's cunning adaptation.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

☐ **THE TREATMENT:** Martin Crimp's satire on the exploitation industry; distressed wife Jacqueline Defferary mistrusts the couple (Sheila Gish and Larry Pine) who want to film her story.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◩ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ◩ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ☐ **An Ideal Husband:** Globe (071-494 5065) ... ◩ **It Runs in the Family:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ◩ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◩ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ◩ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◩ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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NEW RELEASES

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

◆ **MR SATURDAY NIGHT** (15): Some tart jokes, but a mostly exhausting, cornball vehicle for Billy Crystal (as an old-time comic in his twilight years). With David Paymer; Crystal also directs.
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◆ **SOMMERSBY** (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush hokum, based on *The Return of Martin Guerre*. Director, Jon Amiel.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CURRENT

◆ **ACCIDENTAL HERO** (15): Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. Starring Andy Garcia, Geena Davis.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **BODY OF EVIDENCE** (18): Predatory murder suspect Madonna hooks defence lawyer Willem Dafoe. Silly, sleazy attempt to rival *Basic Instinct*. Director, Uli Edel.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

INDOCHINE (12): Love in a hot climate. A trite plot, but Catherine Deneuve and gorgeous images carry the day. Director, Régis Wargnier.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ **LEAP OF FAITH** (PG): Steve Martin's evangelical conman finds his match in drought-stricken Texas. Hard-going drama; with Debra Winger, Liam Neeson. Director, Richard Pearce.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **ONE FALSE MOVE** (18): Excellent rural film noir from director Carl Franklin. Bill Paxton as the Arkansas sheriff faced with two fleeing drug dealers and a tantalising moll.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route; filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U): Spanish artist Antonio López strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Victor Erice's magical meditation on art and nature.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

◆ **USED PEOPLE** (12): Will Jewish widower Shirley MacLaine accept Marcello Mastroianni's advances? Queasy comedy romance, made watchable by its cast. Director, Beeban Kidron
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THEATRE: The reconstruction of Shakespeare's Globe was inaugurated in very English style

Wilkommen and welcome all

DONALD COOPER



Not camp: "Christian Dieterle's glamorous Alice, in gold evening dress and purple scarf, looked like something out of *Cabaret*"

The Merry Wives of Windsor
Globe, Southwark

UNLIKE their Celtic neighbours, the English are sheepish about their patron saint. Even the concert of English music scheduled at the South Bank had been cancelled by the time last Friday dawned.

But if saints come and go, genius remains; and pragmatic Albion has niftily superimposed Shakespeare's putative birthday onto St George's Day. What better date to inaugurate the stage of the reconstructed Globe on Bankside, as yet skeletal but already functional, as described in these pages by Benedict Nightingale last week?

It was a very English afternoon: rain and royalty, discomfort and cheerfulness, a bewildered milling around and a final muddling through. The great and good, and some fair to middling, of our current theatre were present. A bevy of thespians, exuding sincerity, trooped onto the stage, smart or self-consciously informal.

A touchingly frail Sir John Gielgud dedicated the stage, and Derek Jacobi, requesting a muse of fire, plunged into the prologue to *Henry V*, joined by the assembled company. Simon Callow's crooked faker attested a million, Janet Suzman confined monarchies within the girdle of the walls, we pieced out Peter McEnery's imperfections with our thoughts; and the cavalry was invoked by Felicity Kendal.

In a fighting speech Keith Baxter noted one important absentee: the minister for the arts, "whoever he may be... perhaps he got the portfolio because he knew the words of 'Waltzing Matilda'." He pointed out that the mammoth undertaking has received "not one penny piece" from the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and cued an ovation for Sam Wanamaker, moving spirit behind the Globe, rightly accorded shelter from the rain under a roof of corrugated iron with Princess Michael of Kent.

When the personalities departed, a disconcerting proportion of the audience went with them (though Mark Rylance devotedly stood firm). The inaugural performance in Shakespeare's reconstructed theatre was — and this also seems rather English — in German. The Bard's most *bürgerliche* comedy was presented as *Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor* by the Bremer Shakespeare Company, a ten-year-old collective fanatically devoted to the swan of Avon.

They have women in the company but this production is cast with five males only. It entails ingenious quick changes — going off as one character, coming back as another, perhaps briefly "covered" by another actor.

The piece was presented in modern costume, with an emphasis on the Twenties. The drag — frocks but the men's own hairstyles — steered clear of both camp and the pantomime dame, though the sagging bosom and throaty growl of Renato Grünig's Mistress Quickly was fairly broad, and Christian Dieterle's glamorous Alice Ford, in gold evening dress and purple scarf, looked like something out of *Cabaret*. The result was more subtle than expected: emblematic femininity played at two removes by actors recreating male expectations of women.

Pit Holzwarth's streamlined adaptation and robust production was fast, physical, clownish (in the best sense) and alive. Despite his vast bulk, Norbert Kentrup's Falstaff always retained a seedy gentility, breaking the modern dress mould by going wooing in a plumed hat, laden with Carmen Miranda fruit. *The Merry Wives* is not a great piece for subtlety but the vital playing made one eager to see the company in more of their repertory: the *Dream*, for instance, which they do in Bremen next month, among half a dozen Shakespeare plays including *Titus Andronicus*.

The groundlings stood or squatted, those seated on bare planks huddled under umbrellas, the multi-coloured traverse drapes whisked back and forth, and the actors successfully competed with planes, helicopters, and the chat of the Globe attendants. Despite weather and VIPs it was an oddly homespun, intimate occasion, funny and rather moving. That too, perhaps, was rather English.

MARTIN HOYLE

CONCERTS: New music showcased in London and some Polish visitors on tour in the north

Dreams, elegies and suggestions of magic

Music Projects/Bernas
St Giles, Cripplegate

COMPOSERS whose work claims neglect are many, but had Bill Hopkins not died at the age of 38 in 1981 I feel sure he would have become a considerable force, comparable perhaps with Pierre Boulez, whose line his music broadly follows. But what little music he left is fiendishly difficult to play and moreover unpublished, so performance has only rarely been attempted.

Happily, the musicians giving this concert, Richard Bernas and Music Projects/London, have made a recording of Hopkins's work for the NMC label, to be released shortly. They included here two pieces, *Sensation* (1965) and *Nouvelle étude hors série* (1974/5). The latter work, for organ, is based on two *Etudes en Serie*, discarded from the original sequence of nine composed for piano between 1965 and 1968. This was its world premiere. Unfortunately not even the deft stop-changing of Kevin Bowyer could help it escape a certain sense of rigidity, for all its rhythmic and contrapuntal sophistication.

Sensation, however, is a different matter, a haunting work, beautifully written for soprano (the confident and expressive Alison Wells), viola, harp, saxophone and trumpet on verses by Rimbaud and Beckett. Using a fluid language that includes a few jazz-influenced sounds, it goes from ripeness to dark chill. Hopkins himself described how the music absorbs static elements which are the work's destination: the cessation of thought and being, the void.

Though stylistically quite different, its discipline balanced by a sense of lyric freedom, Simon Holt's music is equally intense. His beguiling *Maïastra* for solo flute (1981) creates alluring counterpoints as it rapidly darts between registers in imitation of the miraculous song of the legendary Romanian bird whose name is its title. Nancy Ruffer played it beautifully; as she walked off repeating its last, hypnotic phrase, it was as if we had dreamt the piece.

Holt, one of our most imaginative and most original younger composers, produced a darker magic after the interval with the London premiere of his *Lilith*, for mixed octet. The title refers to a serpent who was Adam's first wife, and who became a night-apparition, a demon who attacked lone sleepers and travellers. Holt evokes the faces of this character with music of bewitching energy and density and certainty of direction. One suspects that he has laid a few personal ghosts in writing it.

The work was played with utter conviction — as, twice, was Franco Donatoni's *Feria*, commissioned in 1968 but until now unheard in London. The design of *Feria* is simple. It is an antiphonal work for a choir of five flutes, one of five trumpets, and organ. Donatoni ignores the possibilities afforded by dovetailing dynamics and spacially swirling sounds in favour of straightforward exchanges and combinations. Each group has its own character: trumpets are fanfarish, flutes embellish and shadow, organ beefs up the texture and responds to both. Though initially thrilling, the work is perhaps longer than such substance justifies. Gabrieli did it better.

STEPHEN PETTITT

With homespun appeal

Cracow PO/Strugala
Middlesbrough

MIDDLESBROUGH was perhaps not the most attractive place on the itinerary of the Cracow Philharmonic's B-circuit tour of England, and the Town Hall there must have been the one concert hall where members of the orchestra were required to make their own instant coffee at the back of the bar in the interval (actually they were lucky: nobody else gets coffee in or near Middlesbrough Town Hall).

But this was also one of only two out of ten venues where they were not required to play *Scheherazade*, which must have elevated it by a notch or two in the Cracow estimation. Even better perhaps, though it made a dry acoustic even drier, there was a full house.

Middlesbrough, moreover, was one of the two places where they were asked to perform the contemporary Polish score they brought with them — *Mariacki Tryptyk* by Romuald Twardowski, a composer who is as little known in this country as the "neo-archaism" which he is said to represent. A neighbouring member of the audience who, fearing the worst, misread that as "neo-anarchism" must have been relieved to hear that what it meant in terms of sound was nothing very alarming: Renaissance harmonic and rhythmic conventions and a few ancient-instrumental colours are applied to two rather pretty, largely pizzicato dances and three short contemplations on the carved altar of St Mary's Church in Cracow.

Well prepared in *Mariachi Tryptyk*, the Cracow strings made a more favourable impression by themselves than they did in competition with the wind in the rest of the programme. They adequately met the requirements of Tadeusz Strugala's shapely if lightweight interpretation of Brahms's First Symphony but, given the not quite precise ensemble of the upper strings and the occasional failures in intonation in all departments, this was not an evening for anyone in search of orchestral brilliance.

The consolations as far as virtuosity was concerned, were in **Piotr Plawner's** performance of Wieniawski's Violin Concerto in D minor. Still under the age of 20, highly accomplished and instinctively stylish in romantic music of this kind, Plawner is clearly an outstanding prospect. All he needs — or so one would judge on the evidence of his somewhat constricted, almost viola-like sound — is an instrument which would help him add more radiant colours to his technical resources.

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Eminent Victorians packaged for export

John Russell Taylor assesses the British Council's tour of 19th century paintings and photographs



Light slumber: photograph by David Octavius Hill and Robert Adamson from the collection of Elizabeth Logan. The photographic exhibition establishes links with certain kinds of high-Victorian painting

Some things are so familiar that they do not seem to need explanation. In Britain this has generally been the case with Victorian art: most of the general exhibitions concerning the Victorian era have just taken the art as given, and hardly bothered to impose structure on the overall picture.

But for foreign eyes, such vagueness will not do. The British Council's spectacular show **Victorian Painting**, at the Neue Pinakothek in Munich, has to make sense of the subject for a public which is largely unfamiliar with it and ready to take nothing for granted.

The show is a large one: 111 paintings, mostly in oils, plus a revealing supplementary show, locally devised, of **Victorian Photography**. The main show says in its subtitle that it takes the story from Turner to Whistler, although, in fact, it comes right up to early Munnings — a name that presumably rings fewer bells than Whistler's outside Britain. It is not so easy to find a clear way through the undergrowth, to make room for academic royal portraits and monarchs of the glen as well as magical late Turner landscapes, meticulous Pre-Raphelite detailing, the neglected social realists of the 1870s and 1880s and the very different Impressionisms of Whistler and Sargent.

Even more difficult than shoehorning them all in, of course, is making visual sense of the exhibition. This is achieved partly by careful grouping, and partly by an unusually interesting catalogue, which not only provides a general introduction explaining the sequence of events, but also includes more specialised essays on subjects seldom pinpointed in British catalogues. One of the essays, by Robin Hamlyn, describes in detail the tug-of-war in the academies between the accession of Queen Victoria in 1837 (indeed, slightly before, when William IV inaugurated the new Royal Academy building in Trafalgar Square) and 1848, the practical beginning of the Pre-Raphaelites.

It is useful to be reminded that such a quintessentially Victorian artist as Watts was among the rebels from the academy and its training. Also, to recall how many young British artists of the 1840s deliberately opted out of the system by studying abroad. If these facts are borne in mind, even the most familiar paintings show themselves in a very different light.

Christopher Newall's essay takes up the story from there, by outlining the varied but continuing foreign contacts of Victorian artists. Newall was responsible for the touring show "The Etruscans" in 1989, concerning the colony of British artists (most famously Leighton) who constituted themselves disciples of the Italian landscapist Giovanni Costa and spent much time in the Campagna. But as well as this fairly obscure connection, he is also informative on British artists' contacts with the German Nazarenes and such French painters as Carolus-Duran and Bastien-Lepage. The effect of all this is to put British painting during Victoria's reign into a far wider context than has normally been supposed relevant.

> 'Familiar paintings are seen in a different light'

These approaches are both gracious to the Munich residents and enlivening to any British visitor who happens to wander in. Catholic though the selection of work is, it includes remarkably few duds. At the least — like Landseer's slightly comic double portrait of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert in costume for the 1842 fancy-dress ball in Buckingham Palace — they make a point about period tastes.

But most of the pictures on show rise far above that. And none matches the unique horror (let alone the gigantic size) of some of the contemporary German artists' historical and mythological flights of fancy in nearby rooms of the permanent collection.

A nice mix is also achieved between the very famous and the largely forgotten. Sometimes the obscure works are obscure mainly because they lurk in private collections: Leighton's extraordinary hothouse scene of music-making, *Golden Hours*, for instance, or two of Holman Hunt's finest landscapes: *Fairlight Downs — Sunlight on the Sea* and *Asparagus Island*. Indeed, the show is particularly strong on Victorian landscape, underlining the individual excellence of painters such as William Price Boyce, Alfred William Hunt and Charles Napier Hemy.

What is more, the roughly chronological hang brings together portraits by Richard Dadd (quaint) and Robert Scott Lauder (dashing), Frith's *The Railway Station* and Millais's *The Blind Girl*, Whistler at his most atmospheric and Alma-Tadema at his most archaeological, Steer at Walberswick and Sargent in Broadway. It does, in miniature, what the Musée d'Orsay was intended, but has signally failed, to do.

The photographic show, which straddles the entrance of the principal attraction at the Neue Pinakothek, is also helpful, at once establishing links between the Tennysonian tableaux of Julia Margaret Cameron and certain kinds of high-Victorian painting, or between the artistic landscape photographs of such as Gertrude Rogers in the 1860s or P. H. Emerson in the 1880s and the shifting but corresponding fashions in painted landscape during the same period. It also reminds us how extensively Victoria's subjects travelled. The reputation of the British for being insular in the 19th century, like their reputation for being straitlaced, is obviously more than a little exaggerated.

● Victorian Painting/Victorian Photography *at the Neue Pinakothek, Barer Strasse 29, Munich (089 23805) Daily 9.15am-4.30pm (Tuesday also 7-9pm) until May 2*



The picture of innocence: *A Zandvoort Fisher Girl* (1884) by Elizabeth Stanhope Forbes (1859-1912)

POPULAR MUSIC

Message that you dance to

Sounds of Blackness
Hammersmith Apollo

GOODBYE to the gospel tradition of massed tambourines and smocks. The Minnesota-based ensemble Sounds of Blackness takes to the road with all the trappings of a high-tech dance band. Gary Hines and his colleagues have no inhibitions about mixing the Message with show business.

Originally a college choir, the group was formed more than 20 years ago but only began to attract international attention after falling into the hands of the Minneapolis producers Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis. The result was a popular crossover album, *The Evolution of Gospel*, on which the hallelujahs were blended with a cover version of Sly Stone's "Stand".

This all goes down well with the dance floor crowd, but there is a price to be paid. Subjected to the full Jam-Lewis treatment, the singers have to shout to be heard above the electronic keyboards and drum machines.

And as David Toop pointed out in his *Times* feature earlier this month, the secularised message of commercial gospel can seem maddeningly vague. You do not have to be a devout traditionalist to feel that a lyric such as "Be optimistic", repeated over and over, lacks a certain resonance.

Luckily, the vitality came across loud and clear in concert, with the lead singer Ann Bennett-Nesby pushing her remarkable voice beyond the normal limits of human endurance. Hines himself sat quietly at a keyboard at the front of the stage, occasionally standing to conduct the singers.

Given the devotional atmosphere, there was no need to observe the usual rules about steadily building to a climax. Sounds of Blackness opened up in an advanced state of exultation and kept up the momentum for the next hour — exhausting for all but paid-up members of the congregation.

The pace finally slowed down towards the end on "The Pressure", which led into an over-extended call-and-response routine involving virtually all of the band members in turn. The presentation then grew more ragged as the band raced to an encore. Jam and Lewis sauntered on stage in their chic, baggy suits and dark glasses, and Hines announced that Janet Jackson was to appear. Only she didn't. Nobody seemed to mind too much.

CLIVE DAVIS

High on harmony

The Hollies
Theatre Royal, Norwich

THE HOLLIES' current tour marks their 30th anniversary. The group has been around — in a variety of guises — for three decades, but it was the first one that really mattered. Then, they had 17 Top Ten hits in Britain and eight in the United States. The subsequent decades have been less kind, with only "The Air That I Breathe" in 1974 and a rereleased "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" in 1988 (another advertisement spin-off), to remind us of their former glories.

And they were glorious. If their two-hour show did one thing, it was to recall the splendours of three-part harmonies tied to melodies that even the tone-deaf could hum. To make sure nobody forgot, they played all the hits, including "Carrie Anne", "Bus Stop", "Jennifer Eccles" and "I'm Alive".

With the three remaining originals, singer Allan Clarke, guitarist Tony Hicks and drummer Bob Elliott, now pushing past 50, this could have been a thoroughly tacky event, but for the most part it remained a rather dignified affair. Clarke, with his long grey hair in a ponytail, essayed only the gentlest of dance steps. The three were supplemented by Alan Coates, who sang the high harmonies once supplied by Graham Nash, and by Ian Parker on keyboards and Ray Stiles on bass.

They managed masterly imitations of the old 45s; it cannot be easy to bring conviction to songs about satchels carried home from school. But what was missing in the slick performances was the desperation of the Hollies' younger voices, the anxious pleading of those harmonies.

The Hollies' night of nostalgia only went seriously awry when they supplemented their back catalogue with an odd selection of cover versions, from Prince, Bruce Springsteen and the Doors. It seems as if they want to validate their pop skills with some rock credibility. They shouldn't bother. Their own past is proof enough.

JOHN STREET

RECITALS: **Hilary Finch** reviews an excellent tenor and a pianist who has not fulfilled his early promise

Taking trouble at t'mill

SCARCELY a month goes by without a new recording of Schubert's *Die Schöne Müllerin*. As each young singer learns to tell the tale of the Fair Maid of the Mill and the lovelorn apprentice, so artists of the previous generation rerecord, reprogramme and refine.

Among tenors none has been more diligent and more faithful than **Peter Schreier**. The work travels in his suitcase wherever he goes. And his is such a distinctive, minutely considered and perfectly delivered *Schöne Müllerin* that those who know it well also know exactly what to expect. On Sunday at the Queen Elizabeth Hall they were not disappointed.

Here was the fusing of word with pitch and rhythm such that, at times, it seemed as if an elevated poetry reading were taking place. Here was the careful guiding of the voice to trace the tender, barely accompanied lover's questions; here was the time taken to perfect and release the expressive moment of each vocal ornament.

For the first half of the cycle, though, the very perfection threatened to be a disappointment in itself. Was the work's heart really still beating in Schreier's own? Was there still any growth in its performing life? Just as one was becoming a little unsure, the miracle happened. It took longer than usual but, during "Mein!", the central song of exuberant hope, Schreier suddenly re-engaged with the music and found its excitement, reborn, once again.

From then on there was no looking back. The lute song became an embodiment of the nature of sound itself. The appearance of the hunter inflamed a verbal excitement in which language was transcended in Schreier's snarling expression of jealousy and pride.

As the miller's apprentice is slowly driven to distraction by the omnipresent green, so Schreier's voice became taut with a despairing rage. Charles Spencer accompanied with fresh response.

The night before, at the Wigmore, the young prize-winning Polish pianist **Piotr Anderszewski** accompanied himself in a recital of Schubert and Prokofiev, in which his own humming and grunting were often more resonant than the pianism. Since the promise of his early performances in Warsaw and Leeds, Anderszewski seems to have lost his way. He has adopted a manner of hypnotically slow, quiet, contourless playing which masks what appears to be, too often, an interpretative vacuum.

On Saturday he played Schubert's B flat major Sonata (D960) with an unchanging, rocking pulse, and a glazed disregard for its phrasing and structure. It was rather like watching someone sleepwalking. He awoke, temporarily, in the Prokofiev Sonata No 8. But whether Anderszewski is going through a crisis of confidence, technique or affectation, this is playing that is disturbingly hollow at its core.

Special drive to help London's boroughs

BY DEREK HARRIS

IN addition to the half dozen pilot one-stop shops offering a quality service to smaller businesses recently announced by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, a large portion of inner London is being given help in a separate experiment.

The six pilots — involving training and enterprise councils (Tecs) in Birmingham, with its pioneering First Step Shop already in operation covering the Widnes and Runcorn area on Merseyside, Hertfordshire, Manchester, south and east Cheshire and Tyneside — are sharing £5.57 million towards their costs over three years.

In London four new Tecs are getting first year help with initial development costs so that a structure may then be designed. This might involve a central headquarters operation and a series of satellites in the various boroughs. The Tec areas involved are South London (which takes in Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham and Greenwich), Centec (central London, including Westminster), Aztec (Wandsworth, Merton and Kingston) and Letec (the capital's east end). Closely involved are the Greater London Business Centre, the London and Westminster chambers of commerce and local authorities.

Mark Dempsey, director of enterprise, is overseeing the new initiative and sees special problems for a large city. He said: "We have to sort out what is a confusing maze for business people. There is plenty of help on offer, but some duplication. The first priority is to establish a comprehensive database so that we can help a whole range of businesses, whether it is questions about, say, single market legislation or acquiring marketing skills."

Rather than just helping start-ups — although there will be provision for these — the concentration will be on businesses with growth potential that could then bring the bonus of new jobs. An effective counselling system should help throw up those businesses that show promise, he believes.

MR FRIDAY ON TUESDAY



"As I see it, the idea is the money you save me I give you."

Dressing up to find a profit

BY DAVID THURLOW

SOME successful businesses have strange beginnings. Freda Phillips started hers because she did not like wearing poor standard costumes in amateur dramatic productions. Moreover, when she launched the business she was aged 69.

She runs the business, Bustles & Breeches, from an industrial unit in Gravesend, Kent, and recently dressed the entire cast for productions of *Oklahoma* and *Show Boat* in Inverness.

She was born in Derbyshire with a good alto-contralto voice that was always in demand for concerts. During the second world war she sang at the Rolls-Royce factory, where she worked as bombs dropped, and in Egypt, where she was stationed with the ATS. She gave up when she married but went back to the stage and theatre she loved when her marriage broke up in the early 1970s.

She sang and acted in the Bexley area of Kent where she lived and over the years did almost every job in the theatre, except lighting.

One thing she could not stand, was the costumes she had to wear. She said: "Often they would be musty and dirty, old and unwashed. They didn't feel right and although the audience probably did not notice I did — and knew I could do better. I started making a few dresses of my own."

She also started collecting costumes from sales and adapting them for the theatre. When she was finally made to retire at 65, she started helping amateur companies from her own collection of clothes, which had grown to 600 items — mainly evening dresses, and period and military costumes. They were kept in the loft of her maisonette.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Bustling business: Freda Phillips stores thousands of stage costumes and will shortly be making money

Three years ago, she was dressing *The Country Wife* for a company in Kent and rang a costumier she knew in Carshalton, Surrey, for some costumes. The owner said she was no longer hiring and the business was up for sale. Mrs Phillips said: "I thought I would love to have it. I knew I could afford it. I spoke to both my sons and they thought I was completely insane to do it at my age." She ignored their advice. The business cost her £34,000 for 6,000 costumes and its name.

She moved all the costumes to the purpose-built unit in Gravesend and opened on August 9, 1991. Since then business has been so good that she has added space and taken on a part-time assistant. She opens three days a week and sends out the costumes for dry cleaning after each hire, but does all the washing and ironing herself for the 8,000 costumes which hang from the roof. The first year she made a loss, but in August Bustles & Breeches should be in the black.

Her costumes are mainly hired in the Home Counties but she provides them anywhere in the country.

Mrs Phillips said: "I never thought I would have the bottle to go into business but I am glad I did. It's very hard work but I enjoy it immensely."

BRIEFINGS

BRITISH Chambers of Commerce has proposed the creation of a statutory register of businesses to which there would be access through business registration centres. It is claimed it would reduce burdens on business, especially smaller ones. The suggestion was made because present licensing and registration requirements place an onus on businesses, yet fail to provide the channels for information and communication between government and businesses, the BCC says. The register would provide a single coherent source of business information. According to BCC, there are more than 500 different requirements in the UK for registration and licences. Information is collected at high cost in ways that duplicate or overlap. BCC says voluntary schemes have failed to fill the gap, leaving UK commerce and industry at a competitive disadvantage, while government and support agencies are unable to target their activities efficiently.

☐ The drive to promote partnership sourcing — a closer and more fruitful relationship between, typically, a large manufacturer and small business suppliers — is to go on. The trade and industry department has renewed for another two years its grant towards the financing of a joint promotional project with the Confederation of British Industry. Research has shown the idea of partnership sourcing is gaining ground.

EDITOR DEREK HARRIS

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Hampshire are the team to beat

Alan Lee surveys county prospects as the Benson and Hedges Cup starts the season in earnest

AT LEAST two first-class counties will today suffer the novel experience of being eliminated from a big competition before the end of April. The Benson and Hedges Cup, run for too long on a drearily protracted group basis, begins its new life in knockout form with five preliminary-round matches.

The benefits of reform will never appeal to all and there have been mutterings from a few county treasurers about the loss of home gates and from diehard members about the loss of fixtures. As most group matches, however, were played in the worst weather of the season and before crowds it was possible to count between overs, this is nothing but rose-tinted nostalgia.

Some sympathy may be due to the minor sides that could always convene a squad of players for four matches and now face eviction in one, but whether the likes of Scotland and Minor Counties are worthy of any more than a walk-on part in such an event is debatable.

Combined Universities are a little different in a good year, such as 1989 when they famously reached the quarter-finals, largely through the exploits of two Durham students who have graduated to higher honours in the game, Nasser Hussain and James Boiling.

But they have lost every match for the past two years, a sequence unlikely to be broken at Southampton today when they meet the holders, Hampshire. These sides have met six times previously and it has never been a contest, Hampshire winning each match by upwards of 90 runs or seven wickets.

Ladbrokes make Hampshire 6-1 favourites to win the cup again and this is undoubtedly their sphere. In championship cricket they have repeatedly failed for lack of bowling penetration but they have ample all-rounders and, in Robin Smith and David Gower, strokeplayers capable of turning a one-day match.

Kent, beaten finalists last year, are also obliged to "qualify" for the last 16 this time, and in a match with Glamorgan. Previous form is again one-sided, Kent having won all six previous meetings, but it would not be a complete surprise if it went the other way today.

Glamorgan are no longer pushovers and, in this type of cricket, their bowling limitations can be camouflaged. Vivian Richards and Matthew Maynard are their equivalent of Smith and Gower and, with a new captain in the reinstated Hugh Morris and a few players aggrieved at being overlooked for England tour places, motivation will be strong.

TONY HARRIS



Happy days: Smith, left, and Nicholas revel in last season's cup triumph

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1992 Britannic Assurance County Championship

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bwl	Pts
Essex	17	11	6	5	60	64	300
Kent	17	9	3	10	60	55	259
Northamptonshire	17	8	4	10	62	58	248
Nottinghamshire	17	7	1	8	54	58	224
Derbyshire	17	7	5	5	47	63	222
Warwickshire	17	6	6	5	55	53	219
Sussex	17	6	7	4	59	61	217
Leicestershire	17	6	7	4	39	59	211
Somerset	17	5	4	13	54	62	206
*Gloucestershire	17	6	6	5	48	58	202
Middlesex	17	5	3	9	44	63	202
Lancashire	17	4	6	7	43	51	188
Surrey	17	5	7	5	56	50	186
Glamorgan	17	5	4	8	53	49	182
Hampshire	17	4	6	7	61	57	182
Yorkshire	17	3	4	10	56	52	170
*Worcestershire	17	3	4	9	54	65	167
Durham	17	2	3	10	46	53	131

* One match abandoned

1992 Sunday League

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Middlesex	17	14	2	0	1	58
Essex	17	11	5	0	1	46
Hampshire	17	10	6	0	1	42
Surrey	17	10	7	0	0	40
Somerset	17	9	6	0	2	40
Kent	17	9	5	0	4	40
Worcestershire	17	7	6	1	3	34
Gloucestershire	17	6	8	0	3	34
Durham	17	7	7	0	3	34
Warwickshire	17	7	7	1	2	34
Sussex	17	7	8	0	2	32
Lancashire	17	6	7	0	4	32
Northamptonshire	17	7	9	0	1	30
Derbyshire	17	7	9	0	1	30
Yorkshire	17	6	9	0	2	28
Glamorgan	17	4	10	0	3	22
Nottinghamshire	17	3	11	0	3	18
Leicestershire	17	3	12	0	2	16

1992 NATWEST TROPHY: Semi-finals: Northamptonshire bt Warwickshire by 3 wkts, Leicestershire bt Essex by 5 wkts. Final: Northamptonshire bt Leicestershire by 8 wkts

1992 BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Semi-finals: Hampshire bt Somerset by 6 wkts, Kent bt Surrey by 2 wkts. Final: Hampshire beat Kent by 41 runs

1993 PRIZE-MONEY: County championship: Champions £47,500 Runners-up £23,750 Third place £13,750 Fourth £7,000 Fifth £3,500 Axa Equity and Law Sunday League: Champions £30,000 Runners-up £15,000 Third place £7,500 Fourth £3,750 NatWest Trophy: Winners £30,000 Runners-up £15,000 Losing semi-finalists £7,500 each Benson and Hedges Cup: Winners £30,000 Runners-up £15,000 Losing semi-finalists £7,500

1993 BETTING (Ladbrokes): County championship: 5-2: Essex. 7-1: Middlesex, Surrey. 8-1: Kent. 10-1: Derbyshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire. 14-1: Lancashire, Warwickshire Axa Equity and Law Sunday League: 5-1: Middlesex, Essex. 6-1: Kent. 7-1: Surrey. 8-1: Lancashire. NatWest Trophy: 6-1: Essex. 7-1: Hampshire, Nottinghamshire. 8-1: Surrey, Worcestershire. Benson and Hedges Cup: 6-1: Hampshire, Middlesex. 7-1: Essex. 8-1: Kent, Worcestershire.

SOMERSET

Not since the heady days of a decade ago have the Taunton patrons had such cause for anticipation. Somerset have the two hot properties of English youth — Mark Lathwell and Andy Caddick — plus an imported match-winner in the Pakistan leg-spin bowler, Mushtaq Ahmed. Ambition is unbounded.

Whether this is matched by results depends principally on Mushtaq's fitness and England's designs on Lathwell and Caddick. Chris Tavaré had not planned to continue his career at 38 but may be glad he has. As captain, he has at his disposal an enviable new-ball pair in Caddick and Neil Mallender. Tavaré's contribution with the bat is also pivotal.

1993 STAFF: †N D Burns, A R Caddick, P R Clifford, A C Cottam, I Fletcher, N A Folland, J C Hallett, R J Harden, A N Hayhurst, J I D Kerr, M N Lathwell, N A Mallender, Mushtaq Ahmed (overseas player), K A Parsons, K J Parsons, A Payne, G D Rose, * C J Tavaré, H R J Trump, † R J Turner, A P Van Troost, G W White.

1992 RECORD: County championship: 9th NatWest Trophy: 2nd round Benson and Hedges Cup: semi-finalists Sunday League: 5th

SURREY

Whatever sum of money it has taken to persuade Waqar Younis back to the Oval will be deemed well spent if the championship is won for the first time since 1971. Second favourites with some bookmakers, Surrey's main problem will be forcing results, even over four days, on their own blissful batting pitches.

Alec Stewart's first year as captain ended in disciplinary measures over ball tampering and, fairly or not, sharp eyes will follow them this season. Martin Bicknell should profit from Waqar's return and Neil Kendrick and James Boiling are developing spin bowlers. Batting attention will centre on whether Alistair Brown can overtake Thorpe on the step up to Test class.

1993 STAFF: R I Alikhan, P D Atkins, M R Bainbridge, J E Benjamin, D J Bicknell, M P Bicknell, J Boiling, A D Brown, M A Butcher, A J Hollioake, D J M Kelleher, N M Kendrick, † G J Kersey, M A Lynch, A J Murphy, † N F Sargeant, A W Smith, * † A J Stewart, G P Thorpe, Waqar Younis (overseas player), D M Ward, I J Ward

1992 RECORD: County championship: 13th. NatWest Trophy: 1st round Benson and Hedges Cup: semi-finalists. Sunday League: 4th

DERBYSHIRE

If spin is to be a significant factor in four-day cricket, Derbyshire will struggle. Richard Sladdin's 30 wickets last year cost 40 runs each and he remains the one concession to slow bowling in an admittedly impressive seam attack.

Ian Bishop and Devon Malcolm are a potent new-ball pair when both are fit and it is an important year for Dominic Cork. A Test place is in prospect if he can make runs in the top six and maintain his development as a swing bowler, while keeping his expressive temperament under control. There is nothing amiss with the batting — John Morris has settled his differences with the club — so one-day trophies are within reach.

1993 STAFF: C J Adams, A Agrawalla, * K J Barnett, S J Base, I R Bishop (overseas player), P D Bowler, D G Cork, F A Griffith, A J Harris, † K M Krikken, D J Lovell, † B J M Maher, D E Malcolm, J E Morris, O H Mortensen, T J G O'Gorman, A W Richardson, A S Rollins, R W Sladdin, I G S Steer, T A Tweats, A E Warner, P R Whitaker.

1992 RECORD: County championship: 5th. NatWest Trophy: 2nd round, Benson and Hedges Cup: quarter-finalists. Sunday League: 13th.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

There is much talk of what might have been at Bristol after the cruel, if predictable, breakdown of David Lawrence. Without him, the willing Courtney Walsh will head an uninspiring attack when he returns from the Caribbean in mid-May and it is hard to see any improvement on last term's tenth place in the championship.

Batting has been Gloucestershire's main failing in recent years and the return of Chris Broad gives them a new dimension, even if it is a straight swap for Bill Athey. Expect youngsters Matt Windows and Robert Cunliffe to press for places later in the year.

1993 STAFF: M W Allayne, A M Babington, M C J Ball, B C Broad, K E Cooper, R J Cunliffe, M Davies, R I Dawson, J M de la Pena, M J Gerrard, T H C Hancock, S G Hinks, G D Hodgson, R Horrell, D V Lawrence, † R C Russell, R J Scott, A M Smith, C A Walsh (overseas player), R M Wight, R C Williams, † R C J Williams, M G N Windows, * A J Wright.

1992 RECORD: County championship: 10th. NatWest Trophy: quarter-finalists Benson and Hedges Cup: eliminated at group stage. Sunday League: 8th.

LEICESTERSHIRE

Nigel Briers deserved his inclusion among *Wisden's* cricketers of the year for steering a side with no stars to a cup final and a title challenge that faltered only in the closing games. He is shrewd enough to know that this year will be tougher, especially as they start with David Millns unfit and Winston Benjamin still in the Caribbean.

Alan Mullally is a useful left-armer but the rest of the bowling is modest. Briers and Tim Boon are solid openers but too much has depended on them. James Whitaker needs to recapture his flair and Ben Smith to recover the promise interrupted by an ankle injury. Only then can Leicestershire aspire beyond the ordinary.

1993 STAFF: W K M Benjamin (overseas player), J D R Benson, T J Boon, * N E Briers, M T Brimson, R A Cobb, J Dakin, N De Silva, A F Haye, P N Hepworth, D J Maddy, D J Millns, A D Mullally, † P A Nixon, G J Parsons, A R K Pierson, L Potter, P E Robinson, B F Smith, V J Wells, J J Whitaker, † P Whitticase.

1992 RECORD: County championship: 8th. NatWest Trophy: runners-up. Benson and Hedges Cup: eliminated at group stage. Sunday League: 16th.

SUSSEX

After years of applauding Sussex for their policy of encouraging home-grown talent, it goes against the grain to commend them for signing two ageing Test players. But Bill Athey and Eddie Hemmings will strengthen vulnerable areas and, just possibly, allow Sussex to defy their championship odds of 150-1.

Seventh last year, despite severe injury disruption, Sussex now have Adrian Jones fit again to share the new ball with Franklyn Stephenson, and Colin Wells to fill the all-rounder role. Athey's arrival — a registration dispute means he cannot play until mid-May — will allow freer rein for the strokeplay of Alan Wells and Speight.

1993 STAFF: C W J Athey, J W Deen, B T P Donelan, E S H Giddins, K Greenfield, J W Hall, E E Hemmings, S Humphries, A N Jones, D R Law, N J Lenham, † P Moores, K Newell, J A North, M T E Peirce, A C S Pigott, C C Remy, A G Robson, I D K Salisbury, D M Smith, † M P Speight, F D Stephenson (overseas player), * A P Wells, C M Wells.

1992 RECORD: County championship: 7th NatWest Trophy: 2nd round. Benson and Hedges Cup: eliminated at group stage. Sunday League: 11th.

DURHAM

The smirking "I told you so's" were deafening when Durham finished bottom in their inaugural season, losing six of their last ten games. Mid-table is the best they can expect this year, but Geoff Cook, the director of cricket, will slowly replace the stop-gap veterans with young blood, much of it local.

Attention will focus on *Jimmy Daley and rightly so.* He played two championship games last summer, while still 18, and scored 88 and 80 not out. The bowling is thin, although Simon Brown and John Wood are young enough to progress and more will be asked this time of the 18-year-old seamer, Paul Henderson.

1993 STAFF: P Bainbridge, P J Berry, D A Blenkiron, † T Botham, M P Briers, S J E Brown, D M Cox, A C Cummins (overseas player), J A Daley, † A R Fothergill, G Fowler, J D Glendenen, * D A Graveney, P W Henderson, S P Hughes, S Hutton, W Larkins, S M McEwan, P W G Parker, † C W Scott, J P Searle, I Smith, G Wigham, J Wood.

1992 RECORD: County championship: 18th. NatWest Trophy: quarter-finalists. Benson and Hedges Cup: eliminated in group stage. Sunday League: 8th.

HAMPSHIRE

Hampshire maintained their 1992 impetus long enough to lead the championship field into July and win the Benson and Hedges final. They then dropped away like a sprinter running in the Derby, finishing a mortifying fifteenth. It is now 20 years since the club won the championship and, for Mark Nicholas, in his ninth season as captain, this could be a last chance to end the wait.

A lead must be given by the two outstanding players, Robin Smith and Malcolm Marshall, both of whom under-performed last year. Hampshire members will want to see much more of Smith and David Gower batting together.

1993 STAFF: J R Ayling, † A N Aymes, J N B Bovill, J R Byrne, C A Connor, R M F Cox, D P J Flint, † M Garaway, D I Gower, K D James, M Jean-Jacques, M D Marshall (overseas player), R J Maru, T C Middleton, R S M Morris, * M C J Nicholas, K J Shine, R A Smith, V P Terry, M J Thurstield, I J Turner, S D Udal, J R Wood.

1992 RECORD: County championship: 15th. NatWest Trophy: 2nd round. Benson and Hedges Cup: winners. Sunday League: 3rd.

MIDDLESEX

The best spin attack in the country should relish four-day cricket, but whether Middlesex's suspect batting will enjoy it so much remains to be seen. Much will depend on how often Mike Gatting and Mark Ramprakash are required by England.

Des Haynes has regained form back home in the Caribbean and Micky Roseberry's nine centuries last year prove he is a destroyer of ordinary bowling. From No 5 downwards, however, Middlesex are vulnerable. Angus Fraser's form and fitness is the key to their bowling. Even at 90 per cent of his old self, he would transform them.

1993 STAFF: R J Ballinger, † K R Brown, J D Carr, N G Cowans, K P Dutch, J E Emburey, † P Farbrace, M A Feltham, A R C Fraser, * M W Gatting, A Habib, J C Harrison, D L Haynes (overseas player), R L Johnson, M Keech, J C Pooley, T A Radford, M R Ramprakash, M A Roseberry, † R J Sims, C W Taylor, P C R Tufnell, D A Walker, P N Weekes, N F Williams.

1992 RECORD: County championship: 11th. NatWest Trophy: 2nd round. Benson and Hedges Cup: quarter-finalists. Sunday League: 1st.

WARWICKSHIRE

Sixth last season and runners-up the year before, Warwickshire may have missed their chance. Allan Donald is available only until the end of July this time and the loss will surely be too much to bear. Gladstone Small is past his best and Tim Munton is dependable rather than devastating. As spin is almost non-existent on the staff, it is hard to see from where sufficient wickets are going to come.

Dermot Reeve takes over as captain and England's favourite bits-and-pieces player will approach the job with his usual vigour. He must also make plenty of runs, though, in a batting order that has plenty of honest endeavour but little in the way of flair.

1993 STAFF: Asif Din, M A V Bell, P A Booth, D R Brown, † M Burns, A A Donald (overseas player), A F Giles, † P C L Holloway, W G Khan, A J Moles, C E Mutralne, T A Munton, D P Ostler, T L Penney, † K J Piper, J D Ratcliffe, * D A Reeve, M F D Robinson, G C Small, N M K Smith, P A Smith, R G Twose, G Welch

1992 RECORD: County championship: 6th. NatWest Trophy: semi-finalists. Benson and Hedges Cup: eliminated at group stage Sunday League: 8th

ESSEX

Graham Gooch is making pessimistic noises, but logic dictates they must be short-priced favourites to win the title for the seventh time in 15 seasons. They have the best-balanced bowling attack in England and revel in the four-day game.

They managed to win last year's championship despite Neil Foster taking only 23 wickets. His fitness remains in doubt after further knee surgery, but, for him, each game now is a bonus. Mark Ilott, with Andy Caddick, will be the most closely-monitored of England's young seam bowlers, Peter Such has a Test chance after a fine A team tour and any of Essex's batsmen could make strides in that direction.

1993 STAFF: S J W Andrew, D J P Boden, J H Childs, D M Cousins, M Dwan, N A Foster, A G J Fraser, † M A Garnham, * G A Gooch, N Hussain, M C Ilott, G A Khan, N V Knight, J J B Lewis, P J Prichard, D R Pringle, D D J Robinson, † R J Rollins, Salim Malik (overseas player), N Shahid, J P Stephenson, P M Such, L Tennant, T D Topley.

1992 RECORD: County championship: 1st. NatWest Trophy: semi-finalists. Benson and Hedges Cup: eliminated at group stage Sunday League: 2nd.

KENT

Organised and purposeful since the pairing of Mark Benson and Daryl Foster as captain and coach, Kent should follow up second place last year with another realistic attempt on the championship. Benson and Neil Taylor remain one of the soundest of batting pairs and Trevor Ward must surely earn some representative encouragement soon.

The bowling will be adequate if Martin McCague and Alan Igglesden stay fit. Richard Davis took 67 wickets at 21.92 last year and is an underrated left-arm spinner who will profit from the four-day game. So, too, will Carl Hooper. After 15 years without a trophy, it is time they won something.

1993 STAFF: * M R Benson, G R Cowdrey, R P Davis, M A Ealham, R M Ellison, M V Fleming, D P Fulton, D W Headley, C L Hooper (overseas player), A P Igglesden, N J Llong, J I Longley, M J McCague, † S A Marsh, M M Patel, C Penn, N W Preston, D J Spencer, N R Taylor, T R Ward, † S Willis, T N Wren.

1992 RECORD: County championship: 2nd NatWest Trophy: quarter-finalists. Benson and Hedges Cup: runners-up Sunday League: 5th

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

There is no good reason why Northamptonshire should not win the championship this year — there seldom is — so it remains one of cricket's great mysteries that they are well into their second century and still one of the unenvied few clubs who have not done so.

Last season's third place, augmented by the NatWest Trophy, was a good effort, but Allan Lamb's side is one of the oldest around and another year will not necessarily bring any improvement. The captain, though, may now be free of England distractions and if the best can consistently be wrought from the peerless Curtly Ambrose, the talent is here to give Essex a serious run.

1993 STAFF: C E L Ambrose (overseas player), R J Bailey, M N Bowen, D J Capel, N G B Cook, K M Curran, N A Felton, A Fordham, J G Hughes, K J Innes, * A J Lamb, M B Loye, R R Montgomerie, † W M Noon, R M Pearson, A L Penberthy, C J Rika, † D Ripley, A R Roberts, J N Snape, N A Stanley, J P Taylor, J Tomlinson, A Walker, T C Walton, R J Warren.

1992 RECORD: County championship: 3rd. NatWest Trophy: winners. Benson and Hedges Cup: eliminated at group stage Sunday League: 13th

WORCESTERSHIRE

For six of the past eight seasons, Worcestershire have finished in the top six of the championship, but last year they were seventeenth, and unless Kenny Benjamin, the Antiguan fast bowler, proves an inspired signing, there is no reason to suppose they will do much better now.

Graeme Hick seems sure to miss almost half the season through England commitments and, with no Tom Moody, this exposes the shallowness of the batting. The bowling has been done no favours by the exit of Richard Stemp to Yorkshire. Neal Radford and Phil Newport will take their usual share of wickets, but the squad looks in need of new blood.

1993 STAFF: C J Ayres, K C G Benjamin (overseas player), J E Brinkley, * T S Curtis, D B D'Oliveira, † T Edwards, G R Haynes, G A Hick, R K Illingworth, S R Lampitt, D A Leatherdale, P J Newport, N V Radford, † S J Rhodes, A C H Seymour, V S Solanki, R Spring, C M Tolley, M J Weston, W P C Weston, A Wylie

1992 RECORD: County championship: 17th. NatWest Trophy: 1st round Benson and Hedges Cup: quarter-finalists Sunday League: 7th.

GLAMORGAN

Hugh Morris has been controversially restored to the captaincy ahead of the cricket management's choice, Matthew Maynard, but it will make no difference. Glamorgan are weak in bowling and there is no hiding place over four days. The knockout trophies are a different matter and, if Vivian Richards wants to bid farewell in style, a Lord's final is possible.

Steve Watkin will again carry the seam bowling, although look out for the promising schoolboy, Darren Thomas. Robert Croft's off breaks claimed 65 wickets last year, but saw him disappear from the England A team. If he can make runs as well, he must have a second chance.

1993 STAFF: S R Barwick, S Bastien, J Bishop, G P Butcher, P A Cottey, R D B Croft, A Dale, A J Dalton, M Frost, D L Hemp, E P M Holland, S P James, A J Jones, R O Jones, R P Lefebvre, M P Maynard, † C P Metson, * H Morris, O T Parkin, S Purdie, G H J Rees, I V A Richards (overseas player), † A D Shaw, S D Thomas, S L Watkin, J R A Williams.

1992 RECORD: County championship: 14th. NatWest Trophy: quarter-finalists. Benson and Hedges Cup: eliminated at group stage Sunday League: 16th.

LANCASHIRE

Lancashire have not won the championship for 43 years and have recently been guilty of giving it a low priority amid the pursuit of one-day trophies. The 14,000 members are restless and David Hughes, now in sole charge of team management, is aware of the impatience.

Wasim Akram is back, John Crawley will be full-time from June and the fast bowler, Glen Chapple, 19, is likely to make DeFreitas and Martin work hard for their places. The batting has everything, with Mendis and Atherton as innings builders and the destructive strokeplay of Fairbrother and Lloyd. Once again, all things are possible.

1993 STAFF: M A Atherton, I D Austin, A A Barnett, G Chapple, G J Cordingley, J P Crawley, P A J DeFreitas, N A Derbyshire, * N H Fairbrother, J M Fielding, J D Fitton, S D Fletcher, J E R Gallian (overseas player), M E Harvey, † W K Hegg, J A L Henderson, R C Irani, G D Lloyd, P J Martin, G D Mendis, M A Sharp, N J Speak, † J Stanworth, S P Titchard, Wasim Akram (overseas player), M Watkinson, N T Wood, G Yates.

1992 RECORD: County championship: 12th. NatWest Trophy: 2nd round. Benson and Hedges Cup: quarter-finalists. Sunday League: 11th.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Mike Hendrick has taken tough decisions since becoming manager, dispatching Chris Broad and Eddie Hemmings to see out their careers elsewhere. Now, with a younger but exciting squad, he believes the club may not have to wait long to see the benefits.

The critical components are Chris Lewis and Chris Cairns. Both did well in their first year but more will be expected within the new set-up. It is the new generation that is interesting. Graeme Archer, with the bat, and David Pennett, a fast bowler, began to establish themselves last year and could be joined by the England Under-19 graduates, Jimmy Hindson, a left-arm spinner, and Matt Dowman, a batsman.

1993 STAFF: J A Afford, G F Archer, R T Bates, † S Bramhall, C L Cairns (overseas player), R J Chapman, M A Crawley, W A Dessaur, M P Dowman, K P Evans, M G Field-Buss, † B N French, J E Hindson, P Johnson, C C Lewis, G W Mike, M Newell, D B Pennett, R A Pick, P R Pollard, D W Randall, * R T Robinson, M Saxelby

1992 RECORD: County championship: 4th NatWest Trophy: 2nd round. Benson and Hedges Cup: eliminated at group stage. Sunday League: 17th.

YORKSHIRE

No county has a worse recent record in the championship than Yorkshire, who last finished in the top five in 1978. Paul Jarvis's bowling and Richie Richardson's batting give them some hope of ending that sequence, but only the most myopic supporter could see them winning the title for the first time in 25 years.

Richardson is a splendid signing. Arguably the best batsman in world cricket at present, he is enthusiastic about his belated bow in the county game. If the Australian-born Craig White can emulate last year's form, the batting should be adequate. Jarvis may be required by England, but the incentive should ensure he remains at his waspish best.

1993 STAFF: S Bartle, J D Batty, † R J Blakey, M Broadhurst, D Byas, P Carrick, † C A Chapman, M J Foster, D Gough, A P Grayson, P J Hartley, P W Jarvis, S A Kellett, R A Kettleborough, A A Metcalfe, S M Milburn, * M D Moxon, B Parker, R B Richardson (overseas player), M A Robinson, R D Stemp, M P Vaughan, C White

1992 RECORD: County championship: 16th NatWest Trophy: 2nd round. Benson and Hedges Cup: eliminated at group stage Sunday League: 15th.

Pakistan's fading master batsman shows frailty in Barbados Test match

Javed outfoxed by cunning Richardson

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK
IN BRIDGETOWN

THERE are times to attack and there are times to defend: there are times to go for the carry and times to lay up. In the last over of the second Test match, sponsored by Cable and Wireless, here on Sunday, Javed Miandad got it horribly wrong.

It was, somehow, a heart-rending moment. Pakistan had fought hard all day, not least Javed himself, to keep West Indies at bay. With three balls left and Hooper bowling a final over of gentle off breaks, Richardson called Ambrose in from long-on to mid-on. If his intention was to tempt Javed, whose mind he should be able to read by now, it was a brilliantly perceptive piece of captaincy, and Hooper played his part to perfection.

The next ball, thrown well up, Javed drove high into the Hall and Griffith Stand for six. Thinking that he might try to do the same again, Hooper pushed the fifth and penultimate ball through lower and faster; Javed, sure enough, went for another big hit, but this time he dragged it to Arthurton at mid-wicket, three parts of the way back to the boundary.

It was made the sadder because Javed has been such a great batsman, and he is still good enough to have prolonged significantly Pakistan's resistance, especially with yesterday's rest day behind him. "He just sat there with his head in his hands in the dressing-room afterwards," Wasim Akram said. But it is not for us to say that we would never have done the same ourselves. Players in these positions face pressures few of us know anything about.

Now, still needing 121 runs to make West Indies bat again and with only Wasim left who has made a Test hundred or has much experience, Pakistan must expect to lose the match, and the short series with it, today. Mujtaba will sell his wicket dearly, and there is Basit Ali's reappearance to look forward to.

The other batsman to come is Inzamam-ul-Haq, who, no less talented than Basit, has a technical problem. In his past four Test innings he has been out leg-before, basically because he is not bringing his bat down straight. He spent the best part of an hour on the field on Sunday morning, in full view of everyone, trying to get himself sorted out by Aamir Sohail.

From now on, Basit must expect the full treatment from the West Indies fast bowlers. There has, in fact, been much less short-pitched bowling in this match than there was when Australia were here two years ago or when England were here last.

The umpires, with Barker picking up the idea from Bird, have kept an eye on it, and the West Indies, anyway, have made the necessary progress without it. But they will be after young Basit today. He treated them almost loftily on Sunday, and they don't care for that.

Among Pakistanis, Basit reminds me most of Majid Khan. Others see much more of Javed, his mentor, in him. On Sunday, while Basit was making his 92 not out, the innings that came to mind was the first and what I have always thought the best of Colin Cowdrey's 22 Test hundreds — against Australia at Melbourne in 1954-5.

Cowdrey was just 22 at the time — exactly Basit's age — and he, too, had yet to become hedged in by inhibitions. Cowdrey was not as brash as Basit, but economy of effort and lack of haste were as much a feature of his batting that day at Melbourne as of Basit's here. In a sense they were both on a "high", something that happens, even to the most gifted players, only very rarely.

SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES: First Innings 455 (D L Haynes 125, P V Simmons 87, K L T Arthurton 56, B C Lara 51; Waqar Younis 4-132).

PAKISTAN: First Innings 221 (Basit Ali 92 not out; C A Walsh 4-66).

Second Innings

Aamir Sohail c Benjamin b Ambrose	4
Ramiz Raja lbw Walsh	25
Asif Mujtaba not out	36
Javed Miandad c Arthurton b Hooper	43
†Moin Khan not out	0
Extras (b 4, nb 1)	5
Total (3 wkts)	113

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-47, 3-113.

BOWLING: Ambrose 10-7-7-1; Bishop 4-1-13-0; Benjamin 6-3-14-0; Walsh 10-2-26-1; Hooper 16-3-49-1.

Umpires: H D Bird and L H Barker.

Chittenden crew begins to recover lost ground

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

AS THE crews of Commercial Union and British Steel II continued their game of nip and tuck at the head of the British Steel Challenge fleet, John Chittenden's crew on Nuclear Electric began its fightback to retain its overall lead on the final stage of the race around the world.

Mike Golding's crew members on Group 4 Securitas, which had halved Nuclear Electric's eight-hour lead, saw much of that diminish yesterday as they sat on deck hand-stitching the leech and foot tapes back on their heavy-weather spinnaker.

By 14:00 GMT yesterday, Group 4's 40-mile lead had shrunk to 19 miles, even though they had moved up to third place ahead of Vivien Cherry's crew on Coopers & Lybrand.

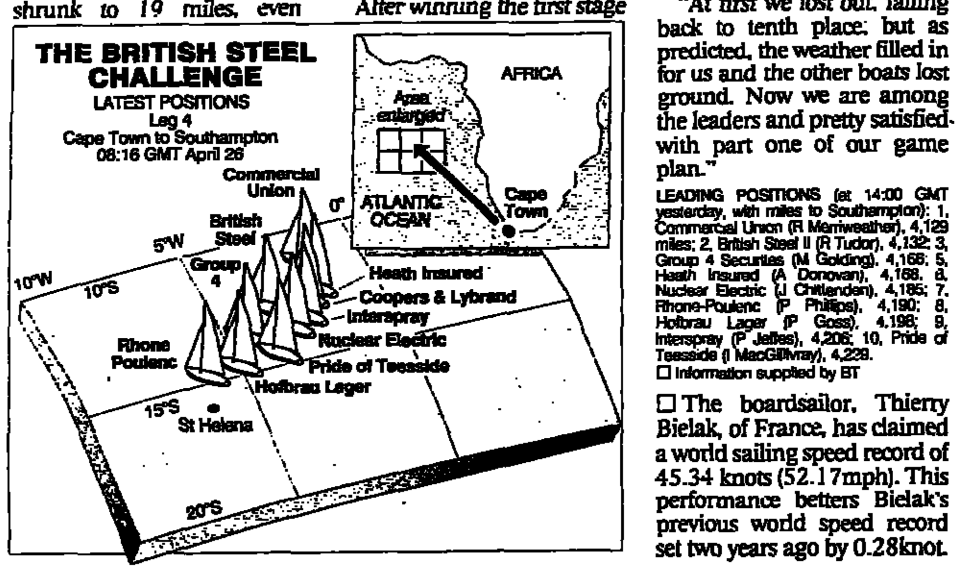
Chittenden's crew will be pleased with its performance yesterday. Not only did it rein in Group 4 by a substantial margin, but moved three places up the fleet to challenge Coopers & Lybrand, which has dropped to fifth place after a stomach bug affected some of those on board.

Despite falling three miles behind Commercial Union, Giles Trollope, the navigator on British Steel II, spoke yesterday of the satisfaction of being at the front of the fleet once more.

After winning the first stage of the race to Rio, this crew had hopes of overall victory dashed when its mast came crashing down mid-way between Cape Horn and New Zealand.

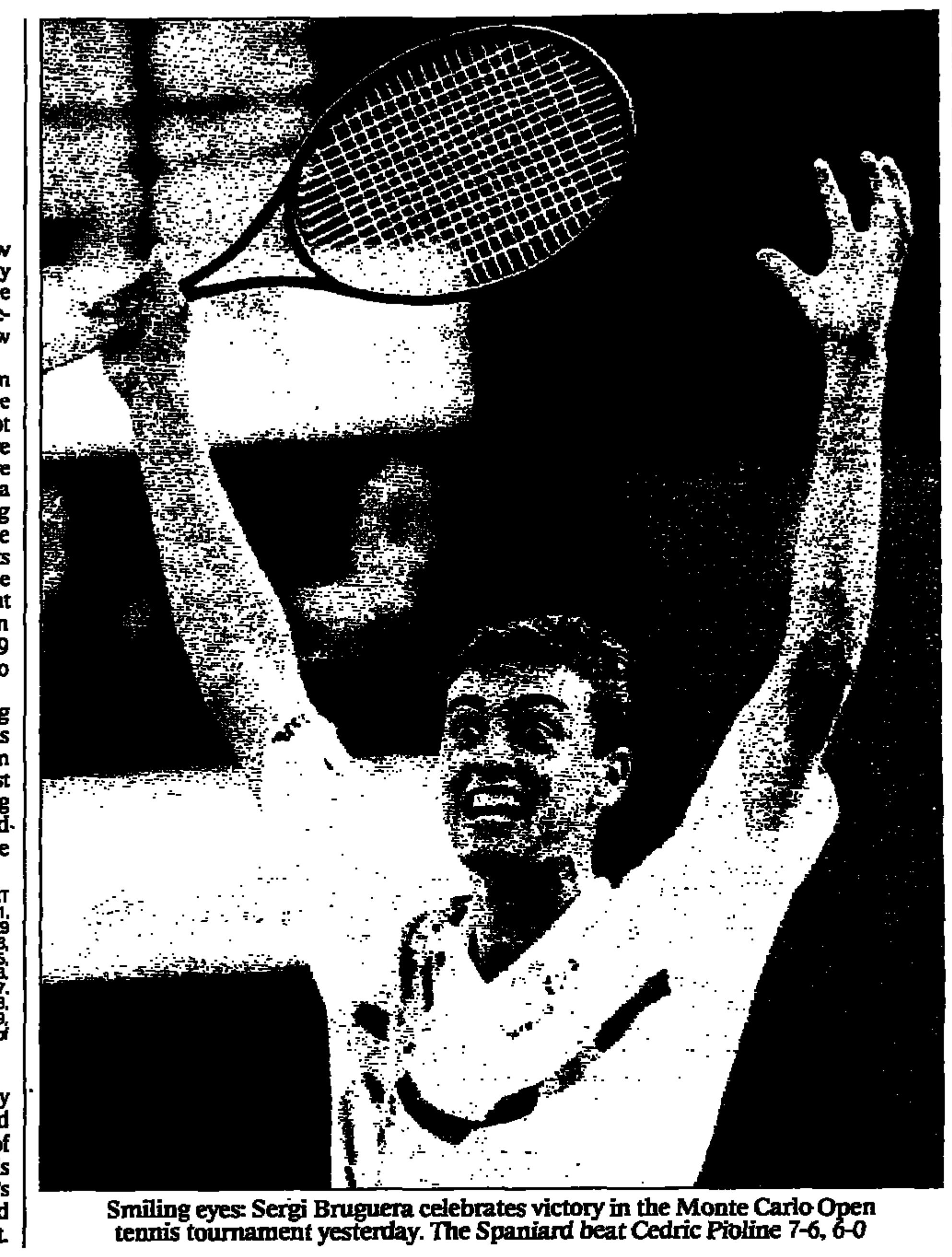
That put British Steel II ten days behind the fleet in the overall standings, but did not rob them of the competitive spirit. Trollope said: "Before we left Cape Town, we did a lot of research into routing and weather patterns. We discovered that those yachts that went northwards at the start of the Cape-Rio race went the fastest, as did those in those competing in the 1979 Nedlloyd Spice Race to Rotterdam.

"At first we lost out, falling back to tenth place; but as predicted, the weather filled in for us and the other boats lost ground. Now we are among the leaders and pretty satisfied with part one of our game plan."



LEADING POSITIONS (at 14:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Southampton): 1, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 4,129 miles; 2, British Steel II (R Tudor), 4,132; 3, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 4,166; 5, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 4,168; 6, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 4,185; 7, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 4,190; 8, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss), 4,198; 9, Interspray (P Jeffes), 4,206; 10, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 4,229.
☐ Information supplied by BT

☐ The boardsailor, Thierry Bielak, of France, has claimed a world sailing speed record of 45.34 knots (52.17mph). This performance betters Bielak's previous world speed record set two years ago by 0.28knot.



Smiling eyes: Sergi Bruguera celebrates victory in the Monte Carlo Open tennis tournament yesterday. The Spaniard beat Cedric Pioline 7-6, 6-0

SPORT IN BRIEF

Mediate wins after fourth extra hole

Rocco Mediate sank a four-foot birdie putt on the fourth hole of a sudden death play-off against Steve Elkington, of Australia, to win the Greater Greensboro Open golf tournament on Sunday. On the fourth extra hole, Mediate hit a six-iron second shot to four feet, which he described as the best six-iron shot of his life, while Elkington was 30 feet away for his birdie attempt. After Elkington two-putted, Mediate sank his putt and took the $270,000 first prize to move into the top ten on the US PGA money list. He stands at sixth with $484,071.

"I'm proud of the way I hung in there, especially in the play-off," Mediate said. "I reacted well to the heat." Both Mediate and Elkington finished with a four-round total of 281, seven shots under par. Elkington had started the day tied for the lead, and held it by himself on the back nine until he drove into rough on the 15th and 16th holes and had consecutive bogeys. Mediate also ran into trouble on the 15th, which he double bogeyed.

Sandy Lyle, of Scotland, finished way down the field on 292 after compiling a final round of 73.

McLaren in fresh talks

MOTOR SPORT: The long-running saga of McLaren's attempt to gain access to the Ford engine used by Benetton took a new twist yesterday when it emerged that high-ranking Ford officials had contacted the McLaren team owner, Ron Dennis, to try to restart negotiations. The Ford engine used by McLaren leaves it at a distinct power disadvantage against Williams with its Renault engines.

Dennis is believed to have offered Benetton, which has the superior Ford engine, technical help if it allows Ford to supply it with the same engine. A deal between the three parties was apparently struck last Wednesday, only for Benetton to back out on Thursday, and on Saturday, Benetton's engineering director, Tom Walkinshaw, insisted negotiations had irretrievably broken down.

Quarterbacks chosen

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Two quarterbacks were the opening selections on Sunday in the National Football League's draft of college players. Drew Bledsoe, of Washington State, was chosen by the New England Patriots, whose coach, Bill Parcells, led the New York Giants to two Super Bowl titles. The Seattle Seahawks followed with Rick Mirer, of Notre Dame. The Phoenix Cardinals, choosing third, acquired Garrison Hearst, a running back, who scored 19 touchdowns for Georgia last season.

Helmets compulsory

HOCKEY: Goalkeepers in future will be required to wear helmets instead of face masks, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) said yesterday. The changes, made by the FIH's rules board on Saturday, will become effective on September 1, but national federations can apply the changes earlier. The rules board also strongly recommends that all players wear both ankle and shinguards. Another ruling was that coaches can now substitute a maximum of five players at the same time.

Brown's black marks

BASKETBALL: Karl Brown, the England international point guard banned from the forthcoming Carlsberg championship play-offs at Wembley, has had his punishment increased by the English Basket Ball Association. On meeting to discuss an appeal by Brown's club, the Guildford Kings, against the two-game ban, the EBBA's disciplinary committee added nine disciplinary points to the player's record. Pending Brown's good conduct, the penalty will be suspended until December 31.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS: Final (at Kidderminster): Surrey 9, Lothian 6. Second division final: Yorkshire 10, Sussex 5. First division play-off (at Portsmouth): Hampshire 8, Devon 7

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco 4, Montreal 1; Philadelphia 5, Los Angeles 2; Pittsburgh 7, Houston 2, San Diego 9, New York Mets 8; St Louis 7, Atlanta 3; Chicago Cubs 2, Cincinnati 1; Florida 11, Colorado 1.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia Phillies	13	4	.765	—
Montreal Expos	11	7	.611	2½
St Louis Cardinals	10	8	.556	3½
Chicago Cubs	9	8	.529	4
New York Mets	8	9	.471	5
Pittsburgh Pirates	8	9	.471	5
Florida Marlins	7	11	.389	6½

West division

Houston Astros	10	7	.588	—
San Francisco Giants	11	8	.579	—
Atlanta Braves	11	9	.550	½
San Diego Padres	8	9	.471	2
Colorado Rockies	6	11	.353	4
Cincinnati Reds	6	12	.333	4½
Los Angeles Dodgers	6	13	.316	5

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto 1, Chicago White Sox 0; Detroit 16, Minnesota 5; Texas 6, Milwaukee 1; Kansas City 3, Baltimore 2; Cleveland 6, Oakland 0; New York Yankees 10, Seattle 9; California 2, Boston 1.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit Tigers	12	5	.706	—
Boston Red Sox	11	8	.579	2
New York Yankees	10	8	.556	2½
Toronto Blue Jays	10	8	.556	2½
Milwaukee Brewers	8	9	.400	5
Cleveland Indians	7	11	.389	5½
Baltimore Orioles	5	11	.313	6½

West division

California Angels	12	4	.750	—
Texas Rangers	10	6	.625	2
Chicago White Sox	8	9	.471	4½
Minnesota Twins	8	9	.471	4½
Seattle Mariners	8	10	.444	5
Kansas City Royals	7	11	.389	6
Oakland Athletics	5	10	.333	6½

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York 89, Chicago 84, Boston 106, Washington 94; Cleveland 107, Philadelphia 103; Detroit 116, New Jersey 110; Minnesota 113, Utah 111; Golden State 119, Seattle 109; Los Angeles Clippers 123, Portland 112; San Antonio 119, Houston 117 (OT); Denver 120, Phoenix 118.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division

	W	L	Pct	GB
$New York Knicks	60	22	.732	—
†Boston Celtics	48	34	.585	12
†New Jersey Nets	43	39	.524	17
Orlando Magic	41	41	.500	19
Miami Heat	36	46	.439	24
Philadelphia 76ers	26	56	.317	34
Washington Bullets	22	60	.268	38

Central division

*Chicago Bulls	57	25	.695	—
†Cleveland Cavaliers	54	28	.659	3
†Charlotte Hornets	44	39	.537	13
†Atlanta Hawks	43	39	.524	14
†Indiana Pacers	41	41	.500	16
Detroit Pistons	40	42	.488	17
Milwaukee Bucks	28	54	.341	29

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest division

	W	L	Pct	GB
*Houston Rockets	55	27	.671	—
†San Antonio Spurs	49	33	.598	6
†Utah Jazz	47	35	.573	8
Denver Nuggets	36	46	.439	19
Minnesota T'wolves	19	63	.232	36
Dallas Mavericks	11	71	.134	44

Pacific division

@Phoenix Suns	62	20	.756	—
†Seattle SuperSonics	55	27	.671	7
†Portland Trl Blazers	51	31	.622	11
†LA Clippers	41	41	.500	21
†LA Lakers	39	43	.476	23
Golden State Warriors	34	48	.415	28
Sacramento Kings	25	57	.305	37

† clinched play-off berth
* clinched division title
$ clinched conference title
@ clinched overall record

BOWLS

TORQUAY: United Kingdom mixed triples: Quarter-finals: Perdiswell (A Burbridge) bt Atherley (G Alford), 21-17; Prince Arthur (N Luck) bt Nottingham (B Clark), 20-17; Plymouth Mayflower (M Averil) bt Tye Green, Harlow (P Ayling), 20-15; Sunderland (R McKie) bt Kingsthorpe (S Wade), 18-15. Semi-finals: Purdiswell bt Prince Arthur, 14-13 (after extra end); Sunderland bt Plymouth Mayflower, 23-22 Final: Sunderland bt Purdiswell, 18-8.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Ardingly 153 for 5 dec, Hurstpierpoint 156 for 3; Arnold 186 for 9 dec, William Hulme GS 53 for no wkt (abandoned), Brighton Coll 208 for 5, Seaford 162 for 4; Cheltenham 241 for 3 (M Cawdron 135 not out), Dean Close 122; Christ's, Brecon 121 for 9 dec, Senior Common Room, Aberystwyth 122 for 6; Clifton 170 for 4 (G Rees 112), Downside 67 for 4; Cranleigh 117, Charterhouse 75; Cryptics 81 (N Obolensk 7 for 46), St Edward's, Oxford 82 for 1; Denstone 168 for 4 dec, Sandbach 125 for 5; Emanuel 180 (Deshpande 107), Tiffin 178; King's, Bruton 140, Sherborne 143 for 6; King Edward VI, Birmingham 86, Rugby 87 for 3; King's, Taunton 246 for 4, Queen's, Taunton 100 (S Diament 8-29). Latymer Upper 74, Merchant Taylors, Northwood 75 for 3, Loughborough 151 for 7 dec, Wellingborough 63 for 8; Marden 156 for 6 dec, Cranbrook 152 for 7, RGS Worcester 72, Bablake 76 for 2; St John's, Leatherhead 145 for 5 dec, Alleynes 146 for 3; Sidmouth CC 164 for 6, Blundells 116 for 7, Silcoates 155, Leeds GS 156 for 2. Uppingham 198 for 7 dec, Bishop's Stortford 150 for 8; Wimbledon CC 161 for 7 dec, KCS Wimbledon 167 for 6; Worksop 129, Ampleforth 89.

CYCLING

LA CORUÑA: Tour of Spain: First stage: 1, A Zulle (Switz, ONCE), 11min 55sec; 2, E Breukink, (Holl, ONCE) at 30sec, 3, T Rominger (Switz, Clas Cajastur) at 30sec.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Concacaf zone: Third round: Mexico 4, Canada 0; Honduras 2, El Salvador 0. Asian zone: Group C: North Korea 3, Singapore 1; Qatar 4, Vietnam 0.
ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Boca Juniors 0, Newell's Old Boys 0: Gimnasia y Esgrima 0, River Plate 2; Racing Club 1, Ferro Carril Oeste 0; Platense 1, Huracan 1; Deportivo Mandiyu 0, Velez Sarsfield 0; Talleres de Cordoba 0, Belgrano de Cordoba 0; Lanus 2, San Martin de Tucuman 0; San Lorenzo de Almagro 0, Deportivo Espanol 2; Argentinos Juniors 1, Independiente 1; Rosario Central 2, Estudiantes de La Plata 1. Leading positions: 1, Velez Sarsfield, played 12, points 19; 2, River Plate 12, 17; 3, Deportivo Espanol, 12, 15.
BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Sao Paulo championship: First stage: Group A: Corinthians 4, Noroeste 1, Guarani 1, Bragantino 0; Marilia 1, XV de Piracicaba 2; Palmeiras 2, Ituano 0; Ponte Preta 0, Mogi Mirim 0; Santos 1, Sao Paulo 0; Rio Branco 3, Portuguesa 1, Uniao Sao Joao 2, Juventus 1 Group B: America/Sao Paulo 1, Ferroviaria 1; Aracatuba 1, Sao Caetano 2; Botafogo/Riberao Preto 1, Saocarlense 2, Catanduvense 1, XV de Jau 2; Internacional Limeira 0, Santo Andre 1; Olimpia 0, Taquaritinga 0. Sao Jose 0, Novorizontino 0. Rio De Janeiro tournament: Flamengo 3, Fluminense 2; Sao Cristovao 1, Volta Redonda 1; Itaperuna 2, Bonsucesso 0; Americano 0, Bangu 0.

GOLF

GREENSBORO, North Carolina: Greater Greensboro open: Final round: (US unless stated): 281: R Mediate, 74, 67, 71, 69; S Elkington (Aus), 71, 68, 69, 73 (Mediate won at fourth hole in sudden-death play-off). 282: P Azinger, 73, 67, 70, 72; G Morgan, 71, 69, 69, 73; D Hart, 72, 65, 74, 71. 283: L Janzen, 71, 71, 70, 71; M Weibe, 72, 73, 68, 70; D Edwards, 70, 71, 70, 72; 284: V Singh (Fiji), 72, 67, 72, 73; J Sluman, 78, 65, 71, 70; W Andrade, 74, 72, 68, 70; 285: T Watson, 75, 70, 72, 68, M Calcavecchia, 72, 69, 76, 68; G Sauers, 74, 69, 76, 66; J McGovern, 69, 72, 75, 69; P Jacobsen, 70, 70, 75, 70, M O'Meara, 74, 68, 72, 71; M Sullivan, 67, 68, 73, 77; M Brooks, 76, 68, 69, 72. GB placing: 292: A Lyle, 75, 70, 74, 73.
MEN'S WORLD RANKINGS: 1, N Faldo (GB), 23.43 points average, 2, B Langer (Ger), 15.93; 3, F Couples (US), 14.19; 4, G Norman (Aus), 13.92; 5, N Price (Zimb), 13.88; 6, T Kite (US), 11.91; 7, J M Olazabal (Sp), 11.86; 8, I Woosnam (GB), 11.64; 9, P Azinger (US), 11.35; 10, J Cook (US), 10.60; 11, D Love III (US), 9.43; 12, M McNulty (Zimb), 9.03; 13, M Ozaki (Japan), 8.96; 14, S Ballesteros (Sp), 8.57, 15, P Stewart (US), 8.38; 16, C Montgomerie (GB), 8.35; 17, M O'Meara (US), 8.20; 18, S Elkington (Aus), 8.06; 19, C Pavin (US), 7.91, 20, D Frost (SA), 7.72.
EUROPEAN RYDER CUP POINTS TABLE (1pt for every £1 won). Leading positions: 1, B Lane (Eng), 290,248.78, 2, C Montgomerie (Scot), 236,826.35; 3, N Faldo (Eng), 228,527.50; 4, M James (Eng), 195,659.08, 5, J Spence (Eng), 188,057.65, 6, D Gilford (Eng), 175,455.93; 7, A Lyle (Scot), 172,109.01, 8, B Langer (Ger), 164,751.48; 9, S Richardson (Eng), 164,002.91; 10, M A Jiménez (Sp), 161,678.18, 11, C Rocca (It), 160,166.27; 12, J Payne (Eng), 152,106.24, 13, M Roe (Eng), 145,487.91; 14, S Torrance (Scot), 145,215.95, 15, R Karlsson (Swe), 114,657.50; 16, D Feherty (N Ire), 112,555; 17, G Brand Jr (Scot), 105,907.78, 18, A Forsbrand (Swe), 105,536.04; 19, J M Olazábal (Sp), 104,414.17, 20, I Woosnam (Wales), 100,280.21.
VOLVO EUROPEAN TOUR ORDER OF MERIT (after the Catalan Open): Leading positions: 1, D Gilford (Eng), £145,582, 2, M James (Eng), £122,236.67, 3, F Nobilo (NZ) £119,447.33; 4, C Rocca (It), £115,935; 5, S Torrance (Scot), £115,006.27, 6, W Westner (SA), £96,140; 7, N Faldo (Eng), £95,325; 8, C Montgomerie (Scot), £86,573.74; 9, J Payne (Eng), £82,604.73; 10, D W Basson (SA), £81,303.50; 11, S Richardson (Eng), £71,914.41; 12, B Lane (Eng), £70,789.83; 13, E Romero (Arg), £68,097.49; 14, G Brand Jnr (Scot), £68,087.10; 15, J Van de Velde (Fr), £67,244.16; 16, A Oldcorn (Eng), £60,230; 17, R Goosen (SA), £59,294.53; 18, S Ames (Trin), 55,522.50; 19, J Spence (Eng), £55,387.50; 20, G Turner (NZ) £52,293.

ICE HOCKEY

WORLD CHAMPIOSNHIPS: Group A (in Munich): Canada 3, Russia 1. Group B (in Dortmund): Germany 6, United States 3.
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): First-round play-offs: New Jersey 4, Pittsburgh 1 (Pittsburgh lead series 3-1); St Louis 4, Chicago 3 (OT, St Louis win series 4-0); Los Angeles 3, Calgary 1 (series tied 2-2); Toronto 3, Detroit 2 (series tied 2-2); Vancouver 3, Winnipeg 1 (Vancouver lead series 3-1).

LACROSSE

WOMEN'S FOUR TEST SERIES: Second test: Australia 4, England 3 Third test: Australia 5, England 4 (Australia lead series 2-1).

MOTO-CROSS

BEAUCAIRE: French 250cc Grand Prix: First race: 1, G Albertyn, (SA, Honda). Second race: 1, S Everts. (Bel, Suzuki). Third race: Abandoned Overall on day: 1, D Schmit (US, Yamaha) 34pts; 2, Everts 31, 3, A Puzar (Yamaha) 28 Leading world championship standings (after five events): 1, Albertyn, 229pts, 2, Everts, 194, 3, Schmit, 181.

MOTOR RALLYING

LOMBARD LONDON-SYDNEY MARATHON (Ankara to Erzurum). Leading positions after day nine: 1, G Lonmar and G Smith (Ford Escort). 1hr 24min 43sec; 2, F Tuthill and A Showell (Porsche 911), 1:24.47, 3, C Short and N Starkey (Ford Escort), 1:25.54
STAGES RALLIES: Everquip (Lincolnshire): 1, A Grindrod (Vauxhall Chevette), 50min 58sec; 2, W Smith (Escort) 51.10; 3, M Robinson (Escort) 51.48. Noreaster (Hertfordshire): 1, G Rodgers (Escort) 19; 2, M Andrews (Opel Kadett) 21; 3, I Molyneux (Talbot Samba) 25. Glyn Trophy (Angelsey): 1, I Savage (Escort Cosworth) 44.25; 2, H Probert (Sierra Cosworth) 44.40; 3, M Oates (Subaru Legacy) 45.16. KMCC (Shropshire): 1, A Kemp (Ford Fiesta) 37.35, 2, S Barnsley (Mitsubishi Starion) 37.53: 3, S Gardner (Escort Cosworth) 38.18. South bound (Sussex): 1, C Fane (Sapphire Cosworth) 23.49; 2, T Armstrong (Escort) 23.55; 3, K Tilbrook (Damen) 23.56 Castrol spring (Jersey): 1, M Jude (Escort) 16.32; 2, S Glendewar (Mazda 323) 16.53; 3, A le Huray (Escort) 17.07. RAC hill climb championship (Wiscombe, Devon). Second round: 1, M Colton (Roman) 37.36, 2, R Lane (Pilbeam) 37.41; 3, P Harper (Vision) 38.0: Championship (after two rounds): 1, Lane 19pts: 2, S Durling 14; 3, A Hopkins 11.

SQUASH

NEW YORK: Tournament of Champions: First round: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt P Gregory (GB), 15-3, 15-6, 15-6, J Nicolle (GB) bt N Arnoux (Fr), 15-7, 15-10, 15-3; Mir Zaman Gul (Pak) bt G Waite (Can), 15-13, 15-12, 15-9; Zubair Jahan Khan (Pak) bt D Beswick (GB), 15-6, 15-11, 15-5; B Martin (Aus) bt P Steel (NZ), 17-14, 15-12, 13-15, 15-1; P Nicol (GB) bt A Schreiber (Aus), 2-15, 15-9, 15-8, 11-15, 15-12: P Johnson (GB) bt M Crawfour (Aus), 11-15, 15-7, 15-9, 15-9, D Meddings (GB) bt J Hickox (Can), 8-15, 15-11, 15-4, 15-10.

TENNIS

MONACO: Monte Carlo Open: Final: S Bruguera (Sp) bt C Pioline (Fr), 7-6, 6-0
MADRID OPEN: First round: C Costa (Sp) bt B Wuyts (Bel), 3-6, 7-5, 6-1; J Oncins (Br) bt M Aurelio Gorriz (Sp), 6-0, 6-3.
WOMEN'S HAMBURG OPEN: First round: J Novotna (Cz) bt J Dune (GB), 6-0, 6-2, S Graf (Ger) bt J Wiesner (Austria), 6-2, 7-5, W Probst (Ger) bt J Santrock (US), 6-3, 6-2; K Kroupova (Cz) bt M Zivic-Skulj (Ger), 7-5, 6-3
DAVIS CUP: Asia-Oceania group: Round-robin: Bahrain bt Qatar 3-0; Lebanon bt Bangladesh 2-1; Saudi Arabia bt Syria 2-1, Singapore bt United Arab Emirates 2-1.

POOLS FORECAST

A POINT should make Crystal Palace's Premier League future secure and they will probably get it at home to Ipswich Town, who have acquired the tag of draw specialists, ending all square on 16 occasions this season. Palace are also used to sharing the spoils, having finished level nine times at Selhurst Park.

Victory at Barnsley on Saturday ensured that Oxford United stayed in the first division. Consequently, they will not be as keyed up for their home match against Notts County, who can aid their fight against relegation by obtaining a point.

Swansea City, ten matches without a score draw, are making a late run for the second division play-offs, and look good for a point at Reading, whose own challenge faded with a 3-0 defeat at Bradford City.

Colchester United, 7-1 losers at Crewe Alexandra on Saturday, are made of sterner stuff at home and can draw their third division fixture against Scunthorpe United.

Hereford United, in danger of falling out of the Barclays League, can bring their total of home draws into double figures when they play Doncaster Rovers, who are similarly threatened.

Of the rest, St Mirren v Hamilton Academical and Queen's Park v Queen of the South represent the best treble chance value.

Saturday, May 1
unless stated
PREMIER LEAGUE
1 Chelsea v Coventry
X C Palace v Ipswich
1 Everton v Arsenal
2 Leeds v QPR
1 Nottm F v Sheff Utd
1 South'pton v Man City
1 Tottenham v Wimbledon
Not on coupons: Aston Villa v Oldham (Sunday); Manchester United v Blackburn (Monday); Norwich v Liverpool, Sheffield Wednesday v Middlesbrough
FIRST DIVISION
1 Brentford v Barnsley
2 Bristol R v Birmingham
2 Cambridge v Southend
X Charlton v Derby
1 Leicester v Bristol C
1 Luton v Peterborough
X Oxford v Notts Co
Not on coupons: Grimsby v Newcastle (Tuesday), Sunderland v Portsmouth, Swindon v West Ham (Sunday), Tranmere v Watford, Wolves v Millwall
SECOND DIVISION
X Burnley v Blackpool
2 Chester v Fulham
2 Exeter v Hudd'field
1 Hartlepool v Brighton
2 Leyton O v Bradford
1 Preston v Mansfield
X Reading v Swansea
2 Rotherham v West Brom
1 Stockport v Bourn'm'th
2 Wigan v Plymouth
Not on coupons: Hull v Bolton (Friday)
THIRD DIVISION
1 Barnet v Lincoln
2 Bury v Crewe
1 Cardiff v Shrewsbury
2 Carlisle v Torquay
1 Chest'field v Scarboro
X Colchester v Scunthorpe
1 Gillingham v Halifax
X Hereford v Doncaster
1 Walsall v Rochdale
DIADORA LEAGUE
2 Aylesbury v Hayes
2 Bognor v Wokingham
1 Carshalton v Hendon
1 Chesham v Dulwich
1 Enfield v Harrow
X Grays v Basingstoke
SCOTTISH PREMIER
2 Airdrie v Rangers
1 Celtic v Aberdeen
1 Dundee Utd v Partick
X Falkirk v Hearts
1 Hibernian v Motherwell
1 St Johnstone v Dundee
SCOTTISH FIRST
2 Clydebank v Morton
1 Dunf'mline v Cowdenb'th
1 Kilmarnock v Dumbarton
X Meadowb'k v Ayr
X St Mirren v Hamilton
2 Stirling v Raith
SCOTTISH SECOND
X Albion v Arbroath
1 Alloa v Stenh'muir
1 Berwick v E Stirling
1 Clyde v Forfar
1 East Fife v Brechin
2 Montrose v Stranraer
X Queen's Pk v Q of Sth

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Crystal Palace, Charlton, Oxford, Burnley, Reading, Colchester, Hereford, Grays, Falkirk, Meadowbank, St Mirren, Queen's Park.
BEST DRAWS: Crystal Palace, Oxford, Reading, Colchester, Hereford.
AWAYS: Queens Park Rangers, Southend, Fulham, Huddersfield, Wokingham.
HOMES: Chelsea, Brentford, Leicester, Luton, Preston, Chesterfield, Gillingham, Chesham, Enfield, Dunfermline, Kilmarnock, Berwick.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Chelsea, Preston, Chesterfield, Gillingham, Enfield Aways: Fulham, Wokingham, Stranraer Draws: Crystal Palace, Oxford, Colchester.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

European under-21 championship

Group one
Portugal v Scotland (at Torres Noves, 6.30)

Group two
England v Holland (at Portsmouth, 7.45)

Group three
Ireland v Denmark (at Tolka Park)

Group four
Rep of Czech and Slovaks v Wales (in Frydek-Mistek, 4.0)

Barclays League

Second division
Bournemouth v Bolton (7.45)
Hull v Stockport
Port Vale v Mansfield (7.45)
Swansea v Preston

Third division
Crewe v Walsall
Northampton v Wrexham

GM Vauxhall Conference
Macclesfield v Witton
Merthyr v Telford

Drinkwise Cup
Final
Second leg
Wycombe v Northwich

FIORUCCI TRIANGULAR CUP: Spurs v Internazionale v Real Madrid (at White Hart Lane, 7.0)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Hendon; Dulwich v Sutton; St Albans v Hayes; Windsor and Eton v Basingstoke; Wivenhoe v Wokingham (7.45) First division: Abingdon v Lewes, Heybridge v Aveley; Wembley v Dorking. Second division: Egham v Banstead; Witham v Barton; Worthing v Tilbury Third division: Kingsbury v Feltham and Hounslow.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Whitley Bay v Gainsborough. Challenge Cup Final: Warrington v Winsford (at Maine Road). First division: Harrogate v Ashton United. Sheffield and Hallam FA Senior Cup: Final; Second leg: Stocksbridge (3) v Worksop (2)

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare v Ossett Albion; Liversedge v Thackley; Ossett Town v Harrogate Railway; Pontefract Colliery v Belper

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Tennents Floodlit Trophy: Newcastle v Bamber Bridge

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton v Corby; Hastings v Weymouth (7.45) Midland division: Nuneaton v Dudley; RC Warwick v Yate (7.45) Southern division: Braintree v Newport IoW, Witney v Fisher (7.45) Hampshire Senior Cup: Final: Fareham v Farnborough. Northamptonshire Senior Cup: Final: Kettering v Rushden and Diamonds. Wiltshire Senior Cup: Final: Trowbridge v Westbury (at Devizes). Harry Godfrey Cup: Final: Second leg: Tamworth v Atherstone.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Harwich and Parkeston v Lowestoft; Newmarket v Brantham, Norwich v Brightlingsea; Wisbech v March Town First division Cup: Final: Cornard v Wroxham

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Paulton v Mangotsfield.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Briton Ferry v Afan Lido; Haverfordwest v Cwmbran, Llanidloes v Bangor

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Luton v Charlton (at The Valley); Watford v Arsenal, West Ham v Fulham (2.0) Second division: Exeter v Cardiff (7.0).

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Rotherham v Stoke (7.0).

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Southend v Chelsea.

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY CUP: UK Armed Forces v Belgian Armed Forces (at RN Portsmouth, 2.30).

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup
Preliminary round
(11.0, 55 overs)
HARTLEPOOL: Durham v Minor Counties.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire.
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Combined Universities.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Glamorgan.
FORFAR: Scotland v Essex.

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Sheffield)

TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Lee-on-Solent)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

PROOIMION

(b) A prologue, the Greek form of the Latin *proemium*, from the Greek *pro-oimion*: Tennyson, *Lucretius*: "Forgetful how my rich prooimion makes/ Thy glory fly along the Italian field."

TOLUTILOQUENCE

(a) Talking at a trot, voluble speech, from the Latin *tolutim* at a trot + *loqui* to speak: Frederick Baron Corvo, *Hadrian VII*: "They were tolutiloquent in expressing horror at the impiety of mob-rule."

SCIOLIST

(a) A superficial pretender to knowledge, a conceited smatterer, someone with a smattering of knowledge, from the Late Latin *sciolus* a smatterer, diminutive of *scius* knowing, a little know-all: Frederick Baron Corvo, *Hadrian VII*: "Below that appeared the gelded English which muscleless feckless unfit-for-handicraft little sciolists acquire in school-board spawning-beds."

FLABELLIFER

(b) The carrier of a fan, from the Latin *flabellum* a fan, applied especially to a fan carried in religious ceremonies + *ferre* to carry: Frederick Baron Corvo, *Hadrian VII*: "By the Delphic splendour of Apostolic Benediction waved from the *sedia gestatoria* retiring in a pageant of flabellifers."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The temporary sacrifice 1 Qxd7! forces the win of a piece, as after 1 ... Nxd7 2 b4, the black queen is trapped.

صكذا من الاجل

Stewards' Cup moves to Saturday

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

THE Stewards' Cup, one of the most prestigious sprint handicaps of the Flat season, is being transferred from the opening Tuesday of this year's Glorious Goodwood meeting to Saturday.

The switch could provide a lead to other racecourses in the years ahead as they put betting turnover and spectator appeal ahead of the age-old traditions of the *Racing Calendar*. Running popular races on Saturdays instead of midweek will enable more people to watch them on television and at racecourses.

Rod Fabricius, the Goodwood clerk of the course, said yesterday: "This move has been in our minds for some time. The Stewards' Cup is one of the major betting races of the year — currently fourteenth in the top 50 betting turnover races of 1992 — and the move from midweek to Saturday is bound to substantially increase betting turnover and thereby generate considerable extra levy for the benefit of the racing industry.

"Also, as a major crowd-pulling attraction the race will substantially boost the attendance on the final day when the general public has the greatest chance of attending the five-day fixture. I am determined that a Goodwood race should feature in the top five betting races of the season."

The fifth Duke of Richmond and Lord George Bentinck conceived the idea of a competitive sprint handicap at the Goodwood July meeting, largely as a betting medium, in late 1839.

The following summer, the Stewards' Cup was run for the first time. By 1849, the race carried £300 of the total £860 added money at the meeting. This year's race over six furlongs, sponsored by Vodafone for the first time and known as the Vodac Stewards' Cup, will carry a guaranteed purse of £75,000.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MISTER JOLSON
(3.00 Bath)

Next best: Cool And Easy
(7.35 Ascot)

William Hill, who sponsored the race from 1982 to 92, agreed to the change of days and is now supporting the £50,000 added William Hill Cup (formerly Saturday's Vodac Chesterfield Cup) which will be run on Tuesday, as well as backing a new sprint handicap at the September meeting.

Apart from the boost to high street betting turnover, Fabricius estimated the Stewards' Cup switch could increase attendance on the final day of Glorious Goodwood by 5,000 to 20,000.

The Stewards' Cup has long been a popular betting medium, but the change to Saturday could contribute to it becoming one of the top six betting turnover days of the year.

Betting turnover on Stewards' Cup day last year was worth £4.2 million to William Hill compared to £5.8 million on the Saturday. The bookmaking firm estimated yesterday that Stewards' Cup day this summer could be worth £7 million.

The top betting turnover days are Grand National day (£14 million), Derby day (£7.8 million) 2,000 Guineas and Whitbread Gold Cup day (both £7.23 million) and Scottish National day (£7.20 million).

The Sussex Stakes, Goodwood's group one race, has remained unsponsored since 1989, but Goodwood officials will travel to the Kentucky Derby this weekend to continue discussions with a possible backer for the showpiece mile event.

"The discussions are embryonic. It is the big fish that are difficult to land," Fabricius said.



Transfer deal: Fabricius anticipating increased betting turnover and attendance from switch

This Saturday's 2,000 Guineas, which has remained unsponsored following the withdrawal of General Accident after last year's running, attracted 16 acceptors at yesterday's five-day declaration stage.

Andre Fabre's Zafonic — 5-4 on with Ladbrokes and 11-10 on with Corals — will travel to Newmarket on Saturday, accompanied by Daubervale who runs in the Palace House Stakes.

Meanwhile, Ladbrokes have cut Michael Stoute's Zarani Sidi Anna to 6-1 (from 8-1) for the 1,000 Guineas. Elizabeth Bay remains their 9-4 favourite. William Hill reported strong backing yesterday for Henry Cecil's Commander In Chief for the Derby, reducing his odds from 16-1 to 10-1.

BATH

THUNDERER
2.30 Red Leader. 3.00 Mister Jolson. 3.30 Case Law. 4.00 Sword Master. 4.30 Without A Flag. 5.00 Son Of Sharp Shot.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.30 PUGET DANCER (nap).

GOING: GOOD, GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES SIS
DRAW: 5F 11YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 SPA SELLING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,406: 5f 11yd) (11 runners)

1 11-3 RED LEADER 17 (BF,G,S) P Cole 8-12 T Quinn 8
2 0500 TEE-EMM 5 P Howling 8-12 W Newnes 8
3 000- TOUCH SILVER 215 (D G) P Hale 8-12 D Holland 1
4 -400 AIR COMMAND B J Bridger 8-7 G Bardwell 4
5 000- CLARE'S BOY 273 J Bradley 8-7 N Adams 2
6 344- CREAEMHOR 311 M Salton 8-7 J Williams 3
7 00-2 HY WILMA S (G) R Hodges 8-7 S Drowne (7) 10
8 006- SPENMAX 263 W G M Turner 8-7 T Sprake 7
9 00-6 BARASSIE 31 (B) M McCormack 8-2 A Clark 9
10 060- GAYNOR GOODMAN 204 P Hedger 8-2 B Hind 5
11 00-0 LADY OF SHADOWS B (V) S Dow 8-2 D Biggs 11

6-4 Red Leader, 2-1 Touch Silver, 6-1 Hy Wilma, 8-1 Tee-Emm, 10-1 others.

3.00 TRIPLEPRINT HANDICAP
(£3,210: 5f 11yd) (15)

1 0-60 IRON KING 8 (D,F,G) J Spearing 7-9-11 W Newnes 10
2 500- CEE-EN-CEE 196 (V,CD,F,G,S) M McCourt 9-9-10 T Quinn 1
3 4415 MISTER JOLSON 4 (CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 4-9-8 S Drowne (7) 3
4 213- SIR JOEY 180 (D,S) P Murphy 4-9-7 J Williams 5
5 10-3 CALL TO THE BAR 21 (D,G) M McCormack 4-8-11 A Clark 6
6 3-00 COBBLERS HILL 22 (CD,F) C Barwell 4-8-10 T Lang 11
7 00-0 BELTHORN 21 J Bridger 4-8-8 G Bardwell 12
8 33-2 BELLSABANGING 15 D Long 3-8-8 T Williams 2
9 -531 TOMMY TEMPEST 12 (D,S) K Burke 4-8-8 S Whitworth 13
10 550- KARUKERA 179 B Millman 3-8-2 D Holland 15
11 2133 PURBECK CENTENARY B P Howling 3-8-1 D Biggs 9
12 06-5 SHARP IMP 14 J Sutcliffe 3-7-9 N Adams 8
13 0001 BUCKSKI ECHO 21 (S) T Jones 3-7-8 D Toole (7) 14
14 000- CASTLE MAID 201J R Hodges 6-7-7 N Carlisle 4
15 0-00 BARBEZIEUX 15 (D,F,S) D Wilson 6-7-7 F Norton 7

5-2 Mister Jolson, 7-2 Bellsabanging, 11-2 Call To The Bar, 7-1 others.

3.30 CORSTON CONDITIONS STAKES
(£3,145: 5f 11yd) (8)

1 06-0 HOW'S YER FATHER 15 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 7-9-7 S Drowne (7) 6
2 0-10 OLIFANTSFONTEIN 4 (B,D,F,G,S) R Simpson 5-9-6 G Carter 7
3 21U- CRADLE DAYS 259 (D,F,G) R Hannon 4-9-2 D Holland 8
4 060- FARFELU 192 (C,D,F,G) W Muir 6-9-2 T Quinn 2
5 30-5 ALLTHRUTHENIGHT 11 (D,G) L Holt 4-9-0 R Cochrane 5
6 1/2- CASE LAW 378 (D,F,G) M Prescott 6-9-0 G Duffield 1
7 60-3 BELLS OF LONGWICK 7 (CD,F,S) D Long 4-8-7 T Williams 4
8 410- LOVE RETURNED 161 (CD,F,G,S) W Jarvis 6-8-5 R Hills 3

3-1 Farfelu, 7-2 Case Law, Cradle Days, 5-1 Olifantsfontein, 8-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Bath: 2.30: Barassie.

4.00 EMPIRE HANDICAP
(£3,535: 1m 3f 144yd) (14)

1 6-30 PRINCE HANNIBAL 8 (D,F,G) J Dunlop 6-9-13 R Cochrane 13
2 3103 SWORD MASTER 10 (C,D,BF,G) Bob Jones 4-9-5 N Day 5
3 00-4 MONARDA 14 (CD,F,G,S) P Cole 6-9-3 T Quinn 3
4 156- BLAZON OF TROY 225 (F) T Thomson Jones 4-9-0 S Whitworth 1
5 5600 NORTH ESK 21 (F) D Wilson 4-8-12 G Carter 10
6 0-60 SEASIDE MINSTREL 31 (C,F,G) R Manning 5-8-5 C Hodgson (5) 4
7 460- LITERARY CRITIC 187 A Chamberlain 4-8-4 A Tucker (3) 2
8 6-31 DAY OF HISTORY 19 (G,S) C Cyzer 4-8-4 D Biggs 6
9 -000 STRIKING IMAGE 7 (D,F) J Moore 4-8-3 D Holland 11
10 4113 LA REINE ROUGE 8 Mrs A Knight 5-7-13 F Norton 7
11 34/6 FANATICAL 27 (C,F) R Baker 7-7-12 T Williams 12
12 64-2 STATE OF AFFAIRS 19 (F) C Horgan 6-7-10 S Dawson 9
13 5-42 LEXUS 75 R Williams 5-7-8 N Adams 8
14 00-0 WILD POPPY B (V) P McEntee 4-7-7 G Bardwell 14

4-1 Monarda, 9-2 La Reine Rouge, 5-1 Sword Master, Prince Hannibal, 6-1 others.

4.30 BLATHWAYT RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,770: 1m 2f 46yd) (17)

1 500- AMBIVALENTATTITUDE 164 D Jermy 9-0 G Carter 15
2 00-0 BOXBOY 68 K Cunningham-Brown 9-0 S Whitworth 7
3 0-02 CARDINAL DOGWOOD 19 (B,BF) M Britain 9-0 M Wigham 4
4 4-40 HOOCHIECOOCHIE MAN 28 D Arbuthnot 9-0 R Price 11
5 005- JIHAAD 202 J Dunlop 9-0 R Hills 3
6 -040 JULIASDARKINVADER 8 A Moore 9-0 Candy Morris 5
7 00-0 KISMETIM 14 B Meehan 9-0 W Newnes 14
8 322- ONE OFF THE RAIL 126 A Moore 9-0 B Rouse 10
9 000- SHEER ECSTASY 173 P McEntee 9-0 J Weaver (3) 17
10 0-44 TEJANO GOLD 24 P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 8
11 3-42 WITHOUT A FLAG 15 C Cyzer 9-0 D Biggs 2
12 000- BURNING COST 203 G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9 N Day 6
13 00-0 KATIE EILEEN 14 R Williams 8-9 A Clark 16
14 30-3 PUGET DANCER 26 M Bell 8-9 R Cochrane 13
15 000- SKY BURST 171 L Cottrell 8-9 N Carlisle 9
16 300- SPARKY'S SONG 193 J Hills 8-9 J Williams 1
17 -060 UNIVERSAL 14 K Cunningham-Brown 8-9 B Doyle (5) 12

11-4 Without A Flag, 5-1 Puget Dancer, Tejano Gold, 6-1 Jihaad, 8-1 others.

5.00 HAWKESBURY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,379: 1m 2f 46yd) (12)

1 300- GOLD TASSEL 218 R Hannon 9-7 J Comber 6
2 30-3 LAKAB 19 H Thomson Jones 9-4 R Hills 2
3 036- GRAND APPLAUSE 205 R Simpson 9-2 S Whitworth 11
4 60-0 SON OF SHARP SHOT 20 J Dunlop 9-1 R Cochrane 4
5 40-6 MY HARVINSKI 26 P Chapple-Hyam 8-13 D Holland 12
6 33-2 BICHETTE 110 (BF) G Moore 8-11 B Rouse 7
7 502- LA DELITZIA 182 P Cole 8-11 T Quinn 9
8 44-0 BAYDON BELLE 31 G Lewis 8-11 J Weaver (3) 3
9 2050 EXPRESS MARIECURIE 17 (6) Mrs N Macauley 8-9 R Price 8
10 0-13 RECORD LOVER 34 Lord Huntingdon 8-1 D Harrison (3) 10
11 0-40 STARLIGHT ROSE 15 C Horgan 7-10 S Dawson 1
12 -025 GLOWING PATH 64 C Hill 7-9 J Quinn 5

9-2 Record Lover, 5-1 Son Of Sharp Shot, 6-1 Bichette, 8-1 Lakab, My Harvinski, 10-1 Gold Tassel, La Delitzia, Baydon Belle, 12-1 Grand Applause, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M McCourt, 4 winners from 10 runners, 40.0%, H Thomson Jones, 4 from 11, 36.4%, B Hills, 18 from 67, 26.9%; M Bell, 4 from 15, 26.7%; G Lewis, 12 from 47, 25.5%; W Jarvis, 3 from 13, 23.1%.

JOCKEYS: G Duffield, 10 winners from 48 rides, 20.8%; T Quinn, 18 from 107, 16.8%, A Clark, 8 from 63, 12.7%; B Rouse, 5 from 41, 12.2%, R Cochrane, 6 from 50, 12.0%, J Williams, 20 from 168 11.9%.

Dunwoody to steer winning course

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

CHARLIE Swan and Richard Dunwoody, two principal contenders to take over from Peter Scudamore as stable jockey to Martin Pipe, are in opposition today for the Ir£40,000 BMW Extended Handicap Chase at the Punchestown festival.

Pipe has engaged Swan for the top weight Cyphrate, while Dunwoody will be aboard David Nicholson's raider, Viking Flagship.

The pair were due to clash in the Martell Aintree Chase on Grand National day, but Viking Flagship was a late defection.

Cyphrate disappointed in finishing a well-beaten fifth to Boutzdaroff at Aintree. This followed his creditable effort previously in the Queen Mother Champion Chase at the Cheltenham festival, where he had been beaten less than a length by Deep Sensation.

Viking Flagship is 4lb better off today. Furthermore, he has recorded his fourth successive victory in the interim, beating *Auvillar by a distance at* Chepstow. He may lack the experience of Cyphrate, but has turned out to be a improving novice chaser and should have the edge here.

Dunwoody has another strongly-fancied mount, Thinking Twice, in the Berkeley Court Handicap Hurdle.

At Newmarket earlier this month, he credited Nicky Henderson with his first Flat winner in England when, under Willie Carson, he captured the Ladbroke Racing Handicap. Thinking Twice should win as the opposition does not look strong.

ASCOT

THUNDERER
5.30 Archie Brown. 6.00 Master Muck. 6.30 Cultured. 7.05 Setter Country. 7.35 COOL AND EASY (nap). 8.10 Royal Athlete.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 6.30 CARIBOO GOLD.

GOING: GOOD SIS

5.30 HOSTA NOVICES HURDLE (£2,931: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

101 21 ARCHIE BROWN 11 (G) (Mrs J Bishop) S Sherwood 6-11-0 G Upton [illegible]
102 38/4045 CAUTIOUS REBEL 38 (BF) (R Lavelle) G Balding 6-11-0 G Bradley 84
103 20150P EXACT ANALYSIS 17 (G) (Mrs E Townley-Berry) N Mitchell 7-11-0 D Bridgwater 77
104 254134 JOKER JACK 15 (D,F,S) (R Dean) R Dean 8-11-0 A Procter (5) 88
105 3-15115 MYHAMET 54 (D,BF,G,S) (D O'Connor) P Hobbs 8-11-0 Mr G Lewis (7) 88
106 3U1363 SURE PRIDE 12 (F) (J Smith (Chislehurst) Ltd) A Moore 5-11-0 G Moore 84
107 PP GREEN WALK 12 (M Pinto) R Rowe 6-10-9 Mr C Burnett-Wells (5) —

BETTING: 1-2 Archie Brown, 13-2 Myhamet, 10-1 Cautious Rebel, 12-1 Exact Analysis, Sure Pride, 14-1 Joker Jack, 33-1 Green Walk.

1992: MISS BOBBY BENNETT 5-10-6 M Foster (9-4) M Pipe 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARCHIE BROWN beat Maneree 15l in a 10-runner novice hurdle at Ayr (2m, good). CAUTIOUS REBEL 7½l 5th of 11 to Paddysway in a novice handicap hurdle at Chepstow (3m, good to firm). JOKER JACK 5½l 4th of 10 to Fotoexpress in a handicap hurdle at Plumpton last time out (2m 4l, soft).

MYHAMET over 15l 5th of 9 to Sea Trout in a handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5l, good to firm). Previously, beat JADIDH 3½l in a 15-runner handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 3l, good). SURE PRIDE 11l 3rd of 16 to Gardouge Glen in a novice hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2l, good).
Selection: ARCHIE BROWN

6.00 MICHAEL PAGE NOVICES CHASE
(£4,162: 2m 3f 110yd) (12 runners)

201 UP3P43 BALLY PARSON 10 (G Hubby) J Chugg 7-11-5 T Grantham 84
202 00-4UF0 BATTLE BLAZE 105 (C Paterson) P Cundell 10-11-5 G McCourt —
203 03-P634 BECTIVE BOY 15 (F) (A Jones) Miss L Bower 11-11-5 M A Fitzgerald 67
204 350422 COUNTERBID 32 (V,D,BF,F,G) (H Parker) J Edwards 8-11-5 N Williamson 93
205 P445FP FINE HARVEST 15 (Mrs J Cumiskey) B McMahon 7-11-5 T Wall 70
206 P/PP042 FLYING FINISH 15 (G Graham) G Graham 8-11-5 J Akehurst 76
207 PF32PF JIMMY O'DEA 15 (V) (J Harlow) T Bill 6-11-5 M Hourigan 83
208 4-UU440 MASTER MUCK 20 (S) (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 10-11-5 D Bridgwater 82
209 84PUP4 MISTRAL STORY 39 (J Hutchinson) J Gilford 8-11-5 D Murphy —
210 P1-P52P SMALLMEAD LAD 15 (D,G) (Smallmead Racing) D Gandolfo 6-11-5 P Holley 82
211 2/44U22 THE MASTER GUNNER 7 (BF,G,S) (Major-Gen R Burges) K Bailey 9-11-5 R Davis [illegible]
212 FF/PP0-3 THEO'S FELLA 10 (G) (Theo Waddington (UK) Ltd) G Balding 9-11-5 S Hodgson 88

BETTING: 13-8 Counterbid, 9-2 Theo's Fella, 5-1 The Master Gunner, 6-1 Bally Parson, Smallmead Lad, 10-1 Jimmy O'Dea, 12-1 Master Muck, 20-1 others.

1992: SMARTIE EXPRESS 10-11-5 G McCourt (2-1 fav) R Hodges 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALLY PARSON 15½l last of 3 to Valiant Boy in a novice chase at Bangor (2m 1l 110yd, good to soft). COUNTERBID clear leader when fell 2 out, remounted to finish distant 2nd of 4 to Aldington Bell in a novice chase at Ludlow last time out (2m 4l, firm).
FLYING FINISH 10l 2nd of 12 to Tammy's Friend in a maiden chase at Plumpton (2m 2l, soft), with BECTIVE BOY (same terms) over 25l 4th.

MASTER MUCK 13l 4th of 5 to Fenton Bridge in a novice chase at Chepstow on penultimate start (3m, good to firm).
THE MASTER GUNNER ½l 2nd of 14 to City Kid in a novice handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 5l, good to soft). THEO'S FELLA 15l 3rd of 14 to Mere Class in a novice chase at Stratford (3m, firm).
Selection: *THE MASTER GUNNER*

6.30 RESERVOIR HANDICAP HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £3,485: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

301 1U2410 STORM DUST 14F (D,B,S) (R Sunley Tice) J Fanshawe 12-0 G McCourt 82
302 501434 SHARRIBA 26 (D,S) (Non-Stop Promotions & Marketing Ltd) G Humphrey 11-9 A Webb 87
303 61221 CULTURED 5 (D,S) (B Whitenom) J White 11-3 (4ex) N Williamson 89
304 123 AREMEF 52 (D,BF,S) (A Hancock III) Mrs J Cecil 11 2 T Kent 90
305 614 SOOTHFAST 13 (D,BF,S) (W Sturt) J Old 10-11 T Grantham 86
306 3P012 CARIBOO GOLD 5 (D,S) (Shaikh Marwan Al Maktoum) K Bailey 10-3 J Railton [illegible]
307 352321 MAJOR'S LAW 17 (D,G) (H Villiers) I Campbell 10-1 R Campbell 90
308 131662 ROYAL PRINT 10 (D,F,G) (Delamere Partnership) W Muir 10-0 J McCarthy (5) 92

Long handicap: Royal Print 9-7.

BETTING: 6-4 Cariboo Gold, 11-2 Major's Law, 6-1 Aremef, 7-1 Cultured, 10-1 Sharriba, Soothfast, 12-1 Royal Print, Storm Dust.

1992: KILCASH 4-11-0 M Richards (5-1) P Hedger 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

STORM DUST beat Clurican 1l in a 7-runner novice hurdle at Windsor on penultimate start (3m, soft). SHARRIBA 5l 4th of 8 to Titled Dancer in the grade II Glenlivet Anniversary Hurdle at Aintree (2m, good to firm).
CULTURED beat Storm Drum 6l in a 10-runner novice hurdle at Perth (2m, soft). AREMEF 4½l 3rd of 6 to Zamirah in a novice hurdle at Newbury (2m, firm). Previously, 1l 2nd of 8 to Kadi in a novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m, good), with SHARRIBA (12lb worse off) 17l 4th. CARIBOO GOLD ½l 2nd of 9 to Her Honour in a novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1l, good to firm). MAJOR'S LAW beat Little Nod 6l in a 16-runner novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1l, good). ROYAL PRINT 6l 2nd of 15 to Prince Tino in a novice handicap hurdle at Stratford (2m, good to firm).
Selection: CARIBOO GOLD (nap)

7.05 COMET AND ARISTON HANDICAP CHASE
(£7,360: 2m) (9 runners)

401 1-63105 TINRYLAND 40 (D,F,G) (M Buckley) N Henderson 9-11-10 J Kavanagh 94
402 2-03143 YOUNG POKEY 24 (CD,F,G) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 8-11-10 J Osborne 95
403 321422 FRAGRANT DAWN 5 (D,BF,F,G,S) (W O'Gorman) D Elsworth 9-11-3 P Holley 96
404 205411 BOUTZDAROFF 24 (D,F,G) (Robinson Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-11-3 M Dwyer 96
405 1P41U3 EMSEE-H 27 (D,BF,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-10-7 Mr Paul Murphy (7) 92
406 241122 GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 10 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs R Steed) P Hobbs 11-10-5 C Maude [illegible]
407 4335U4 SETTER COUNTRY 11 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs A Inshaw) R Hodges 9-10-4 W Irvine 95
408 354211 NORTHERN JINKS 69 (D,G,S) (Mrs E Smith) R Dickin 10-10-0 D Meredith (3) 86
409 1/21-33P GENERAL JAMES 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs T Brown) J Gifford 10-10-0 D Murphy 75

Long handicap: Northern Jinks 9-11, General James 9-4.

BETTING: 7-2 Fragrant Dawn, 9-2 Young Pokey, 5-1 Boutzdaroff, 11-2 Northern Jinks, 7-1 Guiburn's Nephew, 8-1 Emsee-H, 10-1 Tinryland, 12-1 Setter Country, 33-1 General James.

1992: GREEN WILLOW 10-10-12 D Murphy (7-1) J Gifford 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

TINRYLAND showed his best form when beating Space Fair a head in an 8-runner handicap chase at Doncaster (2m, good). FRAGRANT DAWN 4l 2nd of 9 to Space Fair in a handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm). BOUTZDAROFF beat FRAGRANT DAWN (3lb better off) 2½l in the 6-runner grade II Martell Handicap Chase at Aintree (2m, firm), with YOUNG POKEY (8lb better off) 6l 3rd. GUIBURN'S NEPHEW neck 2nd of 4 to Boston Rover in a handicap chase at Stratford (2m 4l, firm). NORTHERN JINKS beat Driving Force ½l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Worcester (2m, soft).
Selection: BOUTZDAROFF

7.35 ROYAL FERN NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£5,220: 3m 110yd) (9 runners)

501 321S13 GRANGE BRAKE 6 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-10 D Bridgwater 95
502 11U121 DUBACILLA 38 (D,G,S) (Mrs V Cole) H Cole 7-11-9 J Osborne 96
503 P/F1F31 MERE CLASS 10 (D,F,S) (Mrs P Elsbury) C Brooks 7-11-8 G Bradley 90
504 423121 NOUGAT RUSSE 4 (D,F,G) (D Langdon) N Twiston-Davies 12-10-11 (4ex) C Maude 92
505 322115 SADDLER'S CHOICE 68 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs I Phillips) J Edwards 8-10-8 N Williamson 94
506 P32 HILL TRIX 20 (H Ellis) K Bishop 7-10-7 A Tory 97
507 133422 COOL AND EASY 15 (D,S) (H Pelham) J Gifford 7-10-4 D Murphy [illegible]
508 5P3245 SPIKEY 20 (S Powell) J Jenkins 7-10-0 J Kavanagh 89
509 02P323 MILLIE BELLE 17 (V,F) (L Fuller) Miss B Sanders 7-10-0 D Morris 80

Long handicap: Spikey 9-7, Millie Belle 9-7.

BETTING: 5-2 Mere Class, 7-2 Cool And Easy, 4-1 Dubacilla, 5-1 Nougat Rousse, 7-1 Hill Trix, 14-1 others.

1992: AVONBURN 8-10-0 M Richards (12-1) P Hedger 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

GRANGE BRAKE over 10l 3rd of 6 to Nevada Gold in a novice chase at Cheltenham (2m 5l, good). DUBACILLA beat Duo Drom 15l in a 14-runner novice handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 5l, good). MERE CLASS beat Capital Punishment 15l in a 14-runner novice chase at Stratford (3m, firm). NOUGAT RUSSE beat Woodland Flower ½l in a 10-runner novice handicap chase at Ludlow (3m, good).

HILL TRIX 15l 2nd of 15 to Indian Tonic in a maiden chase over course and distance (soft), with SPIKEY (7lb better off) over 20l 5th. COOL AND EASY short-head 2nd of 10 to Gala's Image in a handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1l, good). SPIKEY 4l 2nd of 9 to Annio Chilone in a novice handicap chase at Sandown (3m, good), with SADDLER'S CHOICE (6lb better off) over 20l 5th.
Selection: COOL AND EASY

8.10 PRIMULA HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,941: 3m) (15 runners)

601 411F54 SWEET GLOW 27 (CD,F,G,S) (Fairlord Ltd) M Pipe 6-11-10 D Richmond (5) 95
602 0-F0P52 PRIME DISPLAY 10 (D,G,S) (C Heath) O Sherwood 7-10-1 J Osborne [illegible]
603 1043VF ROYAL ATHLETE 15 (CD,F,G,S) (G & L Johnson) Mrs J Pitman 10-10-0 B de Haan 90
604 5-26313 BOLLINGER 20 (C,F,G,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 7-10-0 D Murphy 95
605 P/F6200 JUDGES FANCY 5 (G,S) (J de C Scott) N Twiston-Davies 9-10-0 D Bridgwater 94
606 46P500 PETTY BRIDGE 6 (D,F,G,S) (C Bousion) A James 9-10-0 D Leahy (5) 91
607 142356 BUONARROTI 7 (S) (Spaceage Plastics Ltd) J Old 6-10-0 T Grantham 78
608 62-2040 SUKAAB 15 (F) (B Ryall) B Ryall 8-10-0 M A Fitzgerald 84
609 110040 STAUNCH RIVAL 27 (G,S) (C Humphry) G Thorner 6-10-0 R Farrant (5) 80
610 10520F FOLK DANCE 15 (V,F,G,S) (U Schwarzenbach) G Balding 11-10-0 N Wilmington (7) —
611 000-P6B LOANINGDALE 10 (B,C,F,G) (Mrs S Crane) R Akehurst 8-10-0 S Ryan (7) —
612 4P2564 TARKOVSKY 10 (V,D,S) (J Watkins) R Lee 8-10-0 C Maude 79
613 266-511 *DESPERATE 10 (D,G,S) (Desperate Partnership) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-0 Mr T Jenks (5)* 73
614 P5P/000 EQUINOR 10 (C,F) (P Zellick) R Bennett 6-10-0 L O'Hara (7) —
615 953606 TALAB 15 (F) (O Henley) R Bennett 8-10-0 W Elderfield —

Long handicap: Royal Athlete 9-13, Bollinger 9-12, Judges Fancy 9-12, Petty Bridge 9-9, Buonarroti 9-3, Sukaab 9-2, Staunch Rival 8-12, Folk Dance 8-10, Loaningdale 8-8, Tarkovsky 8-4, Desperate 8-3, Equinor 7-1, Talab 5-12.

BETTING: 2-1 Sweet Glow, 5-2 Prime Display, 7-2 Bollinger, 13-2 Royal Athlete, 10-1 Desperate, 16-1 Judges Fancy, 20-1 others.

1992: SIR CRUSTY 10-10-2 M A Fitzgerald (10-1) D O'Neill 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

SWEET GLOW under 20l 4th of 7 to Sweet Duke in the grade II Letheby and Christopher Long Distance Hurdle over course and distance (soft). ROYAL ATHLETE fell at the 5th in the Irish Grand National last time out. Previously, 9l 3rd of 15 to Jodami in the grade I Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup (3m 2l, good to firm) BOLLINGER 5½l 3rd of 9 to Sweet Duke in a handicap hurdle over course and distance (heavy), with PRIME DISPLAY (4lb better off) 15l 5th. JUDGES FANCY 15l 8th of 12 to Metal Oiseau in a handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (3m, good), with PETTY BRIDGE a distant 9th. DESPERATE beat PRIME DISPLAY (27lb better off) 1l in 10-runner a handicap hurdle at Bangor (2m 7l, good to soft), with TARKOVSKY (9lb better off) 12l 4th.
Selection: PRIME DISPLAY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Jimmy Fitzgerald	8	17	47.1	M Dwyer	8	25	32.0
M Pipe	28	103	27.2	J Osborne	18	78	23.1
N Twiston-Davies	10	39	25.6	C Maude	3	16	18.8
Mrs J Pitman	12	47	25.5	G McCourt	7	39	17.9
D Sherwood	10	48	20.8	W Irvine	3	18	16.7
K Bailey	9	44	20.5	G Bradley	5	35	14.3

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER
2.15 Seldom In. 2.45 Albeit. 3.15 Specified. 3.45 Royal Insignia. 4.15 Jimlil. 4.45 Alligram. 5.15 Manx Monarch.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 Specified. 4.15 Surrey Dancer.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT PATCHES IN HOME STRAIGHT, GOOD IN BACK STRAIGHT) SIS
DRAW: 5F 13YD - 6F 15YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 TRENT BRIDGE HANDICAP
(£3,494: 1m 6f 15yd) (20 runners)

1 6-41 SHOOFE 7 (C,F,G,S) D Morley 5-10-2 (5ex) M Roberts 19
2 /0-2 RAGAMUFFIN ROMEO 31 N Wright 4-10-0 Paul Eddery 8
3 46-3 MISS PIN UP 13 (CD,F,G) Pat Mitchell 4-9-12 J Reid 2
4 340- DOMAIN 262 (B) R Weaver 5-9-2 J Lowe 16
5 *10-0 ZEALOUS KITTEN 28 (D,G,S) R Price 5-9-2 Stephen Davies (5)* 1
6 6506 LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 24 (CD,F,G) Bob Jones 5-9-2 N Connorton 4
7 4-96 KINOKO 3 (G) K Hogg 5-8-13 K Darley 7
8 -406 INTRICACY 11 (V,D,G) C C Elsey 5-8-11 L Dettori 14
9 41-0 FAMOUS BEAUTY 6 (D,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 6-8-10 L Aspell (7) 11
10 /04- UNDERWYCHWOOD 15J P Burgoyne 5-8-6 R Perham 10
11 00-6 PEAK DISTRICT 8 (G) R Lee 7-8-6 Pat Eddery 13
12 0630 ERE LEATH-SCEAL 15 (F,G) M Britain 5-8-5 A Munro 17
13 0/50 AL SHANY 19 (F,S) T Mills 7-8-4 N Gwilliams (5) 12
14 630- BARTON PRIDE 323 M Hammond 4-8-3 J Carroll 5
15 85-1 ENFANT DU PARADIS 15 (CD,G) P Evans 5-8-2 W Carson 18
16 60-3 WHITE RIVER 15 (F) D Haydn Jones 7-8-0 A Mackay 20
17 025- INTREPID LASS 78J H Candy 6-8-0 Antoinette Armes (7) 3
18 /00- OUR SLIMBRIDGE 14J C Williams 5-7-13 J Quinn 15
19 350- SELDOM IN 232 (F) J Wharton 7-7-8 J Fanning 9
20 00-5 GREY COMMANDER 19 (6) M Brittain 5-7-7 D Wright (7) 6

4-1 Miss Pin Up, 5-1 Ragamuffin Romeo, 7-1 Enfant Du Paradis, White River, 10-1 Seldom In, 12-1 Grey Commander, Ere Leath-Sceal, Kinoko, 14-1 others.

2.45 TAVERN CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,243: 6f 15yd) (12)

1 00- MELODIC DRIVE 266 P Felgate 9-7 W Ryan 3
2 -005 NUTTY BROWN 12 (B) S Norton 9-3 O Pears (5) 5
3 0-8 CORONA GOLD 12 Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-13 K Fallon 8
4 DIAMONDS 'N PEARLS K Ivory 8-13 M Tebbutt 6
5 00-5 DEAD CALM 27 (V) C Tinkler 8-11 L Dettori 10
6 6-53 IRISH ROOTS 22 (V) C Tinkler 8-11 M Birch 7
7 0-08 BADENOCH BURNER 28 N Tinkler 8-7 Kim Tinkler 11
8 0 ALBEIT 21 C Thornton 8-6 N Connorton 12
9 0 GLEAM OF GOLD 8 R Dickin 8-6 C Rutter 2
10 06-5 KAFLOCA 118 6 Meehan 8-6 W Carson 1
11 00-5 DARDANELLE 12 W Barker 8-2 A Garth (5) 4
12 600 RED EDGE 24 B McMath 8-0 E Johnson 9

2-1 Natty Brown, 3-1 Dead Calm, 7-2 Kafloca, 9-2 Dardanelle, 8-1 Irish Roots, 14-1 Corona Gold, 16-1 Albeit, 25-1 others.

3.15 HEADINGLEY CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,232: 6f 15yd) (7)

1 41-0 ANSELLMAN 17 (S) M Haynes 9-5 L Dettori 5
2 421- ROCK SYMPHONY 327 (G) A Scott 9-1 B Raymond 3
3 30-8 LOST SOLDIER 13 (D,F,S) L Cumani 8-13 M Roberts 1
4 *5265 I'LLEAVEITTOYOU 15 S Dow 8-11* W Ryan 4
5 12- SPECIFIED 186 (D,G) J Gosden 8-11 Pat Eddery 7
6 10-0 SHEILA'S SECRET 12 (G,S) T Mills 8-10 K Darley 6
7 640- CARRANITA 182 (D,G) B Palling 8-6 Stephen Davies (5) 2

9-4 Lost Soldier, 4-1 Specified, 11-2 Ansellman, Sheila's Secret, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 7 winners from 24 runners, 29.2%. M Stoute, 9 from 36, 25.0%; J Gosden, 8 from 32, 25.0%, P Cole, 15 from 68, 22.1%; Lord Huntingdon, 4 from 19, 21.1%, A Lee, 3 from 15, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 34 winners from 127 rides, 26.8%; W Carson, 33 from 173, 19.1%; L Dettori, 18 from 106, 17.0%, P Robinson, 3 from 22, 13.6%, W Ryan, 16 from 121, 13.2%, A Garth, 3 from 25, 12.0%

3.45 OLD TRAFFORD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,339: 5f 13yd) (19)

1 ABSOLUTELY FAYRE P Harris 9-0 M Roberts 10
2 5 DOWN O ISLANDS 12 R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery 5
3 5 HEATHYARDS CRUSADE 17 R Hollinshead 9-0 W Ryan 12
4 IMPOSING GROOM J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson 3
5 INDIAN CASTLE B Meehan 9-0 R Perham 9
6 JOHNNIE THE JOKER J Leigh 9-0 Dean McKeown 8
7 05 KOMPLICITY 10 Bob Jones 9-0 N Connorton 2
8 LUNAR MISSION M Tompkins 9-0 K Darley 13
9 PALACEGATE JACK J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 14
10 0 PARISH WALK 3 K Hogg 9-0 J Lowe 17
11 0 PHONE ME UP 25 A Scott 9-0 B Raymond 7
12 4 ROCKY TWO 17 B McMahon 9-0 A Mackay 18
13 ROYAL INSIGNIA M Bell 9-0 A Munro 19
14 STORM REGENT S Woods 9-0 W Woods 1
15 BOLDANDPRETTY P Kelleway 8-9 K Fallon 16
16 320 HILL FARM KATIE 17 P Evans 8-9 Paul Eddery 4
17 0 JUST GREENWICH 24 T Mills 8-9 J Reid 11
18 6 LEGAL CONQUEST 11 C C Elsey 8-9 L Dettori 15
19 SNIPE HALL J Wharton 8-9 P Robinson 6

11-4 Royal Insignia, 7-2 Palacegate Jack, 6-1 Down O Islands, 8-1 others

4.15 EDGBASTON HANDICAP
(£3,757: 1m 1f 213yd) (17)

1 223- VALLANCE 202 (D,F,G) P Harris 5-10-0 Pat Eddery 7
2 1-11 ALDERBROOK 15 (D,G,S) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-13 Paul Eddery 18
3 /6-0 MAHOOL 14 (F) A Scott 4-9-12 B Raymond 11
4 04-6 JIMLIL 14 (G) B Palling 5-9-10 Stephen Davies (5) 1
5 3-50 SURREY DANCER 4 (D,F,G,S) B Hanbury 5-9-9 W Ryan 5
6 000- BENTICO 213 (D,F) M Jarvis 4-8-10 K Rutter (5) 14
7 3054 SINCLAIR LAD 15 (D,F,G) R Hodges 5-8-8 W Carson 13
8 3-00 MAPLE BAY 8 K White 4-8-8 L Dettori 8
9 00-6 SHIRLEY'S TRAIN 53 Lord Huntingdon 4-8-6 M Roberts 4
10 05-0 TOUCH ABOVE 116 (D,F) T Barron 7-8-1 Alex Greaves 3
11 0-06 EXPLOSIVE SPEED 10 (F) M Hammond 5-8-0 J Carroll 6
12 0116 ALBERT 19 (D,BF,F,G,S) D Wilson 6-7-13 A McGlone 9
13 000- ALDINGTON PEACH 45J P Evans 4-7-8 A Mackay 12
14 30/0 MALINDI BAY 24 B McMath 5-7-7 E Johnson 10
15 636- HIGHLAND FLAME 245 A Lee 4-7-7 D Wright (7) 15
16 020/ SIBERIAN BREEZE 15J (V) J Glover 5-7-7 J Lowe 17
17 30-0 MARY MACBLAIN 27 J Harris 4-7-7 Darren Moffatt (7) 2

9-4 Alderbrook, 9-2 Albert, 7-1 Sinclair Lad, 8-1 Vallance, Touch Above, 10-1 Shirley's Train, 14-1 Bentico, Jimlil, 16-1 Surrey Dancer, 20-1 others.

4.45 OVAL MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £3,816: 1m 54yd) (15)

1 3 ABBRAAK 10 B Hanbury 8-11 B Raymond 12
2 6 ALLIGRAM 13 M Stoute 8-11 Pat Eddery 7
3 BALNAHA G Wragg 8-11 M Hills 14
4 BY QUEEN R Weaver 8-11 J Lowe 3
5 0- DESERT GIRL 221 J Fanshawe 8-11 K Darley 8
6 IMAGERY N Graham 8-11 L Dettori 1
7 6 MIGAVON 10 W Turner 8-11 Paul Eddery 11
8 0- MULLED ALE 181 C Wall 8-11 W Woods 4
9 00- MYSILV 178 C Wall 8-11 P Robinson 5
10 0-3 ON GOLDEN POND 14 P Cole 8-11 A Munro 15
11 0- PURE MISK 284 B Hanbury 8-11 W Ryan 9
12 0- SERDTINA 251 W Jarvis 8-11 M Tebbutt 6
13 SHARP SILK H Candy 8-11 C Rutter 13
14 3-3 SWIFT SPRING 19 P Cole 8-11 J D Smith (7) 10
15 ZAJIRA R Armstrong 8-11 W Carson 2

11-4 Abbraak, 4-1 Alligram, 7-1 Balnaha, Imagery, On Golden Pond, 10-1 others

5.15 LORDS HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,753: 1m 54yd) (17)

1 504- GENSERIC 222 R Armstrong 9-7 W Carson 6
2 00-1 MIDNIGHT HEIGHTS 14 (D,S) J Dunlop 9-7 A McGlone 7
3 060- WORKING TITLE 154 J Hills 9-2 M Hills 17
4 00-1 DAILY SPORT DON 17 (S) R Hannon 9-2 Pat Eddery 12
5 063- QUEENS CONTRACTOR 245 M Heaton-Ellis 9-2 J Reid 15
6 0-23 WORDSMITH 12 (BF) Mrs J Ramsden 9-1 K Fallon 1
7 50-6 WOLF POWER 15 T Thomson Jones 8-13 K Darley 4
8 30-0 MANX MONARCH 5 K Hogg 8-9 J Lowe 2
9 00-0 SOLO CHARTER 31 M Tompkins 8-6 P Robinson 3
10 0132 STEVIE'S WONDER 24 (D) T Mills 8-5 N Gwilliams (5) 5
11 00-5 LEGAL ARTIST 15 N Graham 8-5 B Raymond 16
12 2126 DARING PAST 24 (BF) R Boss 8-4 W Ryan 11
13 60-5 YUNUS EMRE 31 M Bell 8-3 M Roberts 8
14 4-06 BEAT THE BAGMAN 14 L Holt 8-1 Dale Gibson 14
15 0-66 MISS OFFIE 28 R Hollinshead 8-0 A Munro 10
16 0421 DESIRABLE MISS 14 (V,S) M Britain 7-12 S Maloney (3) 13
17 00-0 NEVER IN TOUCH 20 (B) M Brittain 7-7 D Wright (7) 9

4-1 Midnight Heights, 6-1 Stevies Wonder, 7-1 Daily Sport Don, 8-1 Desirable Miss, Wordsmith, 10-1 Queens Contractor, Wolf Power, 12-1 others.

HUNTINGDON

THUNDERER
5.45 Little Tom. 6.15 Sultan's Son. 6.45 Moorcroft Boy. 7.15 Setai's Palace. 7.45 Duke Of Monmouth. 8.15 Don't Light Up.
Brain Beel: 6.45 Teaplanter.

GOING: SOFT SIS

5.45 SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP GALLOP HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,658: 2m 4f 110yd) (10 runners)

1 5211 BOBBY SOCKS 15 (CD,F,S) R Lee 7-11-10 L Harvey
2 51U0 BARKISLAND 27 (D,G,S) P Beaumont 9-11-5 L Wyer
3 552P ON YOUR WAY 3 (B,D,G,S) J Leigh 11-11-4 Mr W Morgan
4 3243 LITTLE TOM 15 (BF,S) J King 8-11-0 S McNeill
5 44P0 SOLAR CLOUD 10 (CD,F,G,S) M Charles 11-10-13 Judy Davies (7)
6 2244 THEY ALL FORGOT ME 24 (D,BF,F,G) T Casey 6-10-12 R Greene (3)
7 8P43 GREYSBY 38 (V,G,S) O Brennan 11-10-11 M Brennan
8 2U36 WICKFIELD LAD 20 D Deacon 10-10-6 W Marston (3)
9 -5P3 THE FRUIT 43 (D,F,G) R Ledger 14-10-6 Mrs N Ledger
10 *F46F ANOTHER TROUP 12 (C,D,F,G) R Townsend 11-10-6 Mr P Bell*

9-4 Bobby Socks, 7-2 Barkisland, 5-1 Little Tom, 13-2 On Your Way, 8-1 Greysby, They All Forgot Me, 10-1 Solar Cloud, 12-1 others.

6.15 RECCE RIDE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,746: 2m 110yd) (15)

1 5131 SULTAN'S SON 15 (D,F,G) J Upson 7-11-10 J James (5)
2 2340 PASSO ALL'ERTA 20 (V,D,S) D Deacon 10-10-11 W Marston
3 0503 EARLY BREEZE 15 (D,F) M McCourt 7-10-11 B Clifford
4 035P BRORA ROSE 15 (S) J Joseph 5-10-10 D O'Sullivan
5 054P BRUCE BUCKLEY 12 J Jenkins 5-10-4 S D Williams
6 31/P MEESON CODE 17 (D,S) R Champion 6-10-3 P Hide
7 /241 BARCHAM 15 (CD,S) G Pritchard-Gordon 6-10-1 P Smith Eccles (5)
8 A/00 COLONNA 15 (D) B Richmond 7-10-0 V Slattery
9 *P823 HELLO SAM 31 (D,F) J Bennett 10-10-0* R Greene
10 0000 SOLITARY REAPER 46 (D,F) C Beever 8-10-0 B Dalton (3)
11 05-4 I'M SPECIAL 15 J Jenkins 5-10-0 L O'Hara (5)
12 2003 ENCHANTED FLYER 15 T Donnelly 6-10-0 T Eley (3)
13 04P MASH THE TEA 47 H Collingridge 4-10-0 C Huggan (5)
14 8003 LADY RANDOLPH 35 (V) I Campbell 4-10-0 NON-RUNNER
15 P580 ROGER RABBIT 47 J Joseph 4-10-0 L Dace (5)

11-4 Sultan's Son, 7-2 Barcham, 5-1 Early Breeze, 6-1 Brora Rose, 8-1 Passo All'erta, Solitary Reaper, 10-1 Bruce Buckley, 12-1 I'm Special, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Akehurst, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; D Nicholson, 14 from 58, 24.1%; J Upson, 9 from 44, 20.5%; F Murphy, 20 from 102, 19.6%; R Champion, 3 from 17, 17.6%, T Forster, 8 from 48, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: E Murphy, 6 winners from 30 rides, 20.0%; A Carroll, 3 from 15, 20.0%, P Niven, 3 from 16, 18.8%; Peter Hobbs, 4 from 22, 18.2%, S McNeill, 6 from 37, 16.2%, H Davies, 14 from 88, 15.9%.

6.45 GEOFFREY LAWFIELD MEMORIAL HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,418: 3m) (5)

1 2511 MOORCROFT BOY 15 (CD,G,S) D Nicholson 8-12-9 J Durkan (3)
2 *1-F2 TEAPLANTER 10 (CD,BF,F,G,S) Miss C Saunders 10-12-9* R Russell (5)
3 -50P ADMIRALS ALL 34 (B,F,G,S) P Walwyn 10-12-0 M Armytage
4 05UP ANOTHER CORNER 24 (B,F,G,S) T Donnelly 10-12-0 R Armson (7)
5 05-3 BOLD IN COMBAT 10 (CD,F,G) T Casey 10-12-0 A Sansome (7)

8-13 Teaplanter, 7-4 Moorcroft Boy, 8-1 Bold In Combat, 12-1 others.

7.15 TEAM ALCONBURY TROT MAIDEN HURDLE
(£1,480: 2m 5f 110yd) (20)

1 8 CUTSDEAN CROSS 15 D Nicholson 5-11-7 R Bellamy
2 0P FINNEGAIS 57 P Butler 6-11-7 S Arnold (7)
3 064F HONEST FRED 6 (B) J Edwards 7-11-7 P Niven
4 555 ISHRAAD 36 (B) R Akehurst 5-11-7 H Davies
5 46P0 IVYCHURCH 7 J Joseph 7-11-7 D Skyrme
6 63 JACK DIAMOND 15 Mrs R Williams 5-11-7 C Huggan (7)
7 33-2 MADABANS GREY 15 (BF) R Boss 5-11-7 S Smith Eccles
8 0P- MERCERS MAGIC 348 K Wingrove 5-11-7 J Lodder
9 FU-5 NORHAM CASTLE 43 R Ledger 10-11-7 Mrs N Ledger
10 205 OTTOMAN EMPIRE 50 O Brennan 6-11-7 M Brennan
11 0064 PAPPA DONT PREACH 161 J Upson 5-11-7 R Supple
12 0/34 ROYAL REFRAIN 90 T Forster 8-11-7 C Llewellyn
13 6003 SILENT BRAVO 15 A Blackmore 6-11-7 Mr R Griffiths (7)
14 /000 SKIPPERS QUAY 17 G Pritchard-Gordon 6-11-7 V Smith
15 0 MANGROVE GREEN 20 Mrs E Andrews 5-11-2 D O'Sullivan (3)
16 -422 PENNETHORNE PLACE 12 (G) D Grissell 8-11-2 Peter Hobbs
17 -335 SETAI'S PALACE 34 D Nicholson 6-11-2 W Marston (3)
18 P0 ALL TALK NO ACTION 13 B Curley 4-11-0 E Murphy
19 0P DILKUSH 27 Mrs P Sly 4-11-0 A Carroll
20 06P FAR VIEW 20 H Hodge 4-11-0 B Clifford

2-1 Madabans Grey, 9-2 Setai's Palace, 5-1 Pennethorne Place, 13-2 All Talk No Action, 12-1 Royal Refrain, 14-1 Silent Bravo, 20-1 others.

7.45 10th WING HUNT NOVICES CHASE
(£2,271: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 U0P2 MR-PAW 15 F Murphy 10-11-2 B Murphy (7)
2 5532 TELL YOU WHAT 15 (D,F) T Casey 8-11-2 R Greene (3)
3 P-PF TICONDEROGA 15 D Nicholson 7-11-2 R Bellamy
4 0050 WHISKEY BLUES 15 (D,G) B Richmond 8-11-2 R Beggan
5 2001 DUKE OF MONMOUTH 11 (D,G,S) S Sherwood 5-11-1 C Llewellyn

2-5 Duke Of Monmouth, 5-1 Mr-Paw, 8-1 Tell You What, 12-1 others.

8.15 ANGLO/AMERICAN NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,480: 3m 2f) (8)

1 1502 CARRICK LANES 14 (S) D Nicholson 6-11-8 W Marston (3)
2 4R02 DON'T LIGHT UP 10 (B,S) J Edwards 7-11-8 P Niven
3 3341 KEV'S LASS 13 (S) F Murphy 5-11-3 B Murphy (7)
4 21F3 TAREESH 24 (G) K Bailey 6-11-3 J Railton
5 0056 CRANK SHAFT 27 F Yardley 6-11-2 D Byrne
6 5604 THANKSFORTHEOFFER 31 I Jones 5-11-2 P McDermott
7 00/ SPERRIN VIEW 762 J Simmons 7-10-11 K Comerford (7)
8 5505 WENRISC 15 D Nicholson 8-10-11 R Bellamy

2-1 Kev's Lass, 5-2 Carrick Lanes, 7-2 Don't Light Up, 11-2 Tareesh, 8-1 Wenrisc, 12-1 others

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Pontefract
Going: soft
2.45 (5f) 1, Raven's Return (S Perks, 16-1); 2, Persian Heritage (13-2); 3, Rosie Valentine (10-1). Passing Player 9-4 fav. 13 ran. Sh hd, 1l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £20.60; £4.90, £2.60, £1.90. DF: £199.20. CSF: £114.96.
3.15 (1m 4l 8yd) 1, Pondering (M Roberts, 5-1); 2, Mountain Willow (15-8 fav); 3, Mr Genealogy (9-2). 13 ran. 1½l, sh hd. S Dow. Tote: £5.70; £2.10, £1.40, £2.10. DF: £6.60. CSF: £15.19.
3.45 (6f) 1, Blue Grit (J Lowe, 25-1); 2, Sagebrush Roller (6-1); 3, Ballad Dancer (33-1); 4, Sondense (14-1). Pharaoh's Dancer 3-1 fav. 16 ran. NR: Drum Sergeant. Nk, 1½l. M Dods. Tote: £24.50; £4.60, £2.40, £9.90, £3.40. DF: £110.60. CSF: £168.87. Tricast: £4,560.89.
4.15 (1m 4yd) 1, Tik Fa (B Raymond, 4-9 fav); 2, Arany (7-4). 2 ran. 3½l. B Hanbury. Tote: £1.10.
4.45 (2m 5l 122yd) 1, Grace Card (R Cochrane, 11-10 fav); 2, Creeager (10-1); 3, Enkindle (50-1). 10 ran. NR: Premier Princess, Cost Effective. 7l, ½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £3.10, £11.00. DF: £38.00. CSF: £12.92. Tricast: £342.36.
5.15 (1m 2l 6yd) 1, Badie (W Carson, 7-4); 2, Soiree (11-8 fav); 3, Martin Executive (50-1). 5 ran. ¾l, 2l. J Dunlop. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £1.50. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.19. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.
Placepot: £1,241.60.

Southwell
Going: standard
2.30 (7f) 1, North Ardar (Dean McKeown, 5-2); 2, Aragon King (7-1); 3, Saxon Magic (5-4 fav). 5 ran. 5l, 2l. M Johnston. Tote: £3.50; £1.90, £2.30. DF: £10.00. CSF: £16.47.
3.00 (5f) 1, En-Cee-Tee (J Fanning, 7-2); 2, Kangra Valley (12-1); 3, The Kamikaze Queen (33-1). Sa Vende 3-1 fav. 14 ran. 3½l, 4l. T Fairhurst. Tote: £5.40; £1.90, £3.20, £6.50. DF: £30.80. CSF: £42.46.
3.30 (1m 4f) 1, Tempering (S Wood, 7-4 fav); 2, Must Be Magical (10-1); 3, Qualitair Rhythm (4-1). 12 ran. NR: Hataal. 10l, nk. D Chapman. Tote: £2.20; £1.70, £3.10, £1.40. DF: £53.40. CSF: £21.41.
4.00 (1m) 1, Brackenthwaite (V Halliday, 6-1); 2, Certain Way (9-1); 3, Amenable (7-2 fav). 15 ran. NR: Ibsen. Hd, 8l. T Barron. Tote: £5.10; £2.00, £2.50, £2.10. DF: £24.30. CSF: £55.37. Tricast: £201.79. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.
4.30 (7f) 1, Nellie's Gamble (S Maloney, 10-1); 2, Ponny Banger (10-1); 3, Vilamar (14-1). Champagne Grandy 9-2 fav. 13 ran. 10l, 2½l. A Stringer. Tote: £9.60; £2.20, £2.50, £3.70. DF: £76.30. CSF: £96.30. Tricast: £1,274.73.
5.00 (1m) 1, Trianglepoint (W Hood, 15-2); 2, Castel Rosselo (2-5 fav); 3, Maratha (25-1). 7 ran. 1½l, ¾l. G Pritchard-Gordon. Tote: £6.00; £1.90, £1.10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £10.69.
6.30 (5f) 1, Sabo The Hero (G Duffield, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Cloudy Reef (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Laid Back Ben (9-1). 6 ran. 1½l, 2l. M Prescott, Newmarket. Tote: £2.10; £1.80, £1.10. DF: £2.80. CSF: £5.95. Placepot: £743.30.

Windsor
Going: good to soft
5.50 (1m 67yd) 1, Mexican Dancer (S Drowne, 10-1); 2, Cape Pigeon (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Natural Lad (8-1). Sylvania 5-1 jt-fav. 20 ran. NR: Silent Expression. ¾l, 2l. P Murphy. Tote: £16.00; £5.10, £2.90, £3.50. DF: £94.50. CSF: £64.77.
6.15 (5l 10yd) 1, Antonia's Folly (G Carter, 9-2); Singular Sensation (12-1), 3, Highly Fashionable (7-1). Hips'n Haws 4-1 fav. 13 ran. 2½l, nk. J Berry. Tote: £5.30; £1.90, £3.10, £2.80. DF: £61.90. CSF: £53.53.

☐ **Hexham abandoned, course waterlogged.**

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Grace Card in line for Ascot

MARY Reveley, the Saltburn trainer, continued her good start to the Flat season when Grace Card won the Tote Marathon Handicap at Pontefract yesterday.

Ray Cochrane sent Grace Card to the front with half-a-mile to run and went clear for a seven-length success. The two-and-a-half mile Ascot Stakes is his long-term target.

Tate takes honours with four winners

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

ROBIN Tate rode four winners at the **York and Ainsty** point-to-point on Saturday. Of these, only Jigger in the maiden started favourite and he was confirming the promise shown three weeks ago when runner-up in a similar event at the Hurworth.

Tate's other successes were all on horses unplaced last time out. Park Drift, the first of these in the confined, just held on by a neck and McCartney had to be hard driven to beat Hydrophic in the members'. But his own mare, Robin's Choice, gave him a straightforward task in the restricted.

Paul Hacking, after his treble at the **East Sussex and Romney Marsh**, joined Alistair Crow at the head of the riders' table. One of his winners, Trifast Lad in the Land Rover qualifier, now presents owner Mike Roberts with a dilemma. The Towcester final on May 11 is on the same day as the United Hunts meeting at Folkestone, where Hacking is always in great demand. It is time that the point-to-point liaison committee and the race planning department of the Jockey Club got their act together to prevent this needless clash.

A double for Mandy Turner at the **Dartmoor** took her into second place behind Alison Dare in the women's title race. Dare keeping her lead by virtue of her win on Scally's Daughter in the ladies' at the **Sir W W Wynn's**.

☐ North Yorkshire police have been asked by the Jockey Club to investigate further the doping of a point-to-pointer, Now And Then, at the Middleton meeting on April 10. Blood tests have revealed that the horse was administered Frusemide, which is a prohibited substance.

'One of the most gifted, outspoken, admired, provocative and, occasionally, rash men in the history of football'

Clough: a flawed genius relegated to the sidelines



David Miller reflects on the life and times of Brian Clough at the end of his turbulent career

There is an unmistakable feeling that Brian Clough is packing his bags and riding out of town before the posse arrives. He may have been given the Freedom of Nottingham but, at the City Ground, there are those who have been busy assembling a firing squad.

So ends the turbulent managerial career of one of the most gifted, outspoken, admired, provocative and, occasionally, rash men in the history of the game. A career distinguished, fundamentally, by the creation at Derby County and Nottingham Forest over two decades of some of the finest teams seen in England and Europe.

Yet Clough, one of the shrewdest judges in the game, will have known more clearly than any when was the moment to go; or rather, when he could no longer stay. With Forest facing relegation from the Premier League, and with little evidence that the manager has responded sufficiently to avert this possibility, his once massive credibility had run dry.

Moreover, there are some shareholders and directors, such as Chris Wootton, no longer in thrall to his reputation, plotting for his removal in the belief that Clough's actions, and inaction, have contributed to the club's sharp decline.

To have sold Des Walker and Teddy Sheringham, the best defender and forward on the books, to Sampdoria and Tottenham Hotspur and to have made no urgent attempt to replace them — when there was ample evidence in the autumn that Forest were in trouble — smacked of either irresponsibility or a man who has lost his grip.

Among the questions being asked by those shareholders who were recently denied access to the club's accounts, by a shareholders' majority vote, is the extent to which Clough may personally have benefited by the sale of Walker and Sheringham and, 12 years ago, Trevor Francis to Manchester City — only 24 hours after Francis himself was all set to leave for Manchester United.

Clough is believed to be one of the first managers to legitimately introduce the policy of taking a percentage of transfer fees as remuneration, on the basis that managers carry substantial responsibility, in their transfer policy, for keeping the club's finances balanced and therefore deserve a portion of the benefit.

That responsibility, however, also means keeping the playing strength balanced. This Clough had transparently failed to do this season, never mind that in the four previous seasons he had led Forest to four cup finals — three League, then one FA — and had won the first two.

As is so often the way, the dimension of Clough's multiple successes were bound to increase the measurement of his failure when it came. Yet what most distresses his critics is less the failure than the seemingly anaesthetised acceptance of it. Forest have appeared without leadership, so unfamiliar and uncharacteristic.

And there has been the problem of Clough's health. Early in his Forest days, he was still playing squash regularly. Sometimes, I was his opponent. He was still fit and, though I never beat him, I learned how he hated even the remotest chance of defeat.

We would retire afterwards to his office for a lager and, by degrees, the ratio of squash to lager began to move in opposite, disadvantageous directions. By 1993, Clough was looking all his 58 years and more and those seeking to protect the interests of the club considered a parting would be mutually beneficial.

The ending is sad, though the circumstances not unusual for the game. Clough, you might say, deserved better, though if you live by the verbal sword, you are apt to perish by it. Verbally, Clough never spared anyone.

I remember him as a young centre forward in the late Fifties, talking himself into, and just as likely out of, any England team. He could not help himself. There are two sorts of Yorkshiremen, dour or combustible, and there was never any doubt which was Clough.

He retired from the game prematurely in 1962 — he sustained a severe knee injury while playing for Sunderland against Bury on Boxing day — after winning two England caps with Middlesbrough, in ten days in 1959, against Wales and Sweden. He hit the post and bar against the defeated World Cup finalists, who won 3-2 at Wembley.

In 1965, he turned up at Hartlepool United as the youngest manager in the Football League, joined Derby two years later and, in a scintillating partnership with the late Peter Taylor, created one of the most attractive teams to come out of the second division, winning promotion in 1969.

Derby days revealed both his genius as a manager and instability as a person. Taylor found the players, Clough inspired them. Often they were unsung discards, like John McGovern, who became a linchpin in midfield.

With touch players such as Gemmill, O'Hare and Hector, incomparable defenders in McFarland and Todd, a lionheart in Mackay, and a marvellous crosser of the ball in Hinton, Derby's football was a joy. They won the league championship in 1972 and were unfortunate not to make more of a mark in the European Cup.

"I had six years with him at Derby and they were six great years that educated me not only in football but in life in general," McFarland said yesterday. "We knew instantly that things were going to happen when he arrived and they did. He took us from being an ordinary second division side to European competition in just a few years. It proved what a great manager he was."

By 1973, Clough, his personality given unfettered rein as an often outlandish ITV commentator, had departed from Derby, together with Taylor, after what seemed wholly unnecessary and exaggerated confrontations with Sam Longson, the dogged and irascible chairman.

The controversy continued. After a short spell at Brighton, Clough was appointed at Leeds United, to succeed Don Revie, and was dismissed after 44 days of continuous friction in the dressing-room, where he had told established international players they were no good.

Seven months later, he was with Forest, took them back to the first division within two years, won the League Cup the next year and, with it, the league title. Early in 1979, he signed Francis from Birmingham City in Britain's first £1 million transfer, retained the League Cup and, with a header from Francis against Malmö in Munich, won the European Cup.

Clough's tactics, often outshining the dominant Liverpool side, were a revelation, primarily built on the use of his rotund little deep-lying Scotland winger, John Robertson. Forest's position as one of the most articulate teams in English football continued throughout the Eighties, though Clough, more and more handing responsibility to his subordinates, to a degree faded from the public eye.

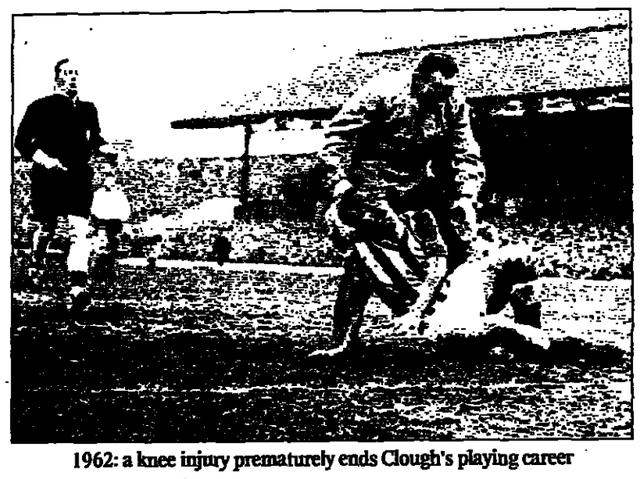
The clamour for his appointment as England manager, at a peak when Revie defected in 1977 and intermittently maintained by the public and sections of the press for another ten years, was always destined to fall on deaf ears at the Football Association. Clough's constant proximity to controversy would always be a potential embarrassment for the conservative FA.

My view is he would have been unsuitable for the simplest of reasons. An England manager has little opportunity to control and inspire players, the job being more one of selection. I doubt if the volatile Clough would have handled a job needing diplomacy as well as judgment.

It is to Clough's credit that, all these years, he has kept Forest playing football. Yet the cliche that they were too good to go down is a false one. Clough was right not to switch to a policy of thuggery for safety. What his team ran out of was maturity. That was his misjudgment.



Perfect partners: Taylor and Clough, before they fell out, at the European Cup final in 1979, which Forest won 1-0 against Malmö



1962: a knee injury prematurely ends Clough's playing career



1979: Clough and Francis, Britain's first £1 million footballer

BRIAN CLOUGH'S CAREER

Born: March 21, 1935, Middlesbrough. Age: 58.

AS A PLAYER

May 1952: Signed professional terms with Middlesbrough, making his League debut three years later. Oct 1959: Gained his two England caps against Wales and Sweden. July 1961: Moved to Sunderland for £40,000. Knee injury on Boxing Day 1962 ended playing career. In 274 League matches scored 251 goals.

AS A MANAGER

Oct 1965: Appointed by Hartlepool United.
May 1967: Joins Derby County, taking them to second division championship in 1969 and first division title in 1972. Oct 1973: Resigns from Derby, with assistant Peter Taylor, after dispute with directors.
Nov 1973: Becomes Brighton and Hove Albion manager.
July 1974: Appointed manager of Leeds United. Dismissed after 44 days because of player unrest.
Jan 1975: Joins Nottingham Forest, taking them to promotion from the second division and to victory in the Anglo-Scottish Cup in 1977 and the following year to the League Cup and first division championship. Feb 1979: Signs Trevor Francis from Birmingham City in Britain's first £1 million transfer. Mar 1979: Forest retain League Cup and two months later win the European Cup. 1980: Forest beaten in League Cup final but retain European Cup. 1989: Forest win League Cup and the Simod Cup. 1990: Forest retain League Cup. 1991: FA Cup finalists. 1992: Zenith Data Systems Cup winners and League Cup finalists.

Clough has won a record 24 managerial awards, including Manager of the Year in 1978. He received a Special Award three years ago to mark his 1,000th League match as a manager. He is only the second manager to win the League championship with two clubs and after 18 years with Forest is the longest serving post-war manager.

Clough's biggest transfers: In: E Sheringham (from Millwall, £2m); I Wallace (Coventry City, £1.25m); T Francis (Birmingham City, £1m); J Fashanu (Norwich City, £1m). Out: Sheringham (to Tottenham Hotspur, £2.1m); N Webb (Manchester United, £1.5m); G Birtles (Manchester United, £1.25m); Francis (Manchester City, £1.2m).

Widnes beset by injuries for final

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WIGAN will tomorrow unveil a near full-strength team for a sixth successive visit to Wembley, a contrast to the battered disarray at Widnes and the postponement of yesterday's announcement of their side for the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final on Saturday.

Such is the extent of their injuries that Widnes have called an unscheduled training session for Thursday morning before boarding the bus for London.

Phil Larder, the Widnes coach, is not one for excuses, but he must be bemoaning his team's bad luck. The entire back line is nursing knocks. The biggest worries concern the centres, Andy Currier and Darren Wright. John Devereux has problems with both shoulders, but should nevertheless carry the burden with fellow winger David Myers and the full back, Stuart Spruce, who are healing steadily.

The welcome arrival on a day return of Julian O'Neill from the Brisbane Broncos gives Larder at least one option, although that does not resolve his pack problem, with the loss of Paul Moriarty's powerful presence.

For Wigan, Steve Hampson, Joe Lydon, Andrew Farrar, Frano Botica, Andy Platt and Phil Clarke are all reportedly match-fit after missing the win against Warrington.

South Africa willing to face Maoris

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

A HASTILY constructed statement by Ebrahim Patel, the executive president of the South Africa Rugby Football Union (Sarfu), went a long way yesterday towards retrieving a potentially disastrous dispute between his country and New Zealand. What, earlier in the day, appeared to be a case of inverse apartheid, appears now to be no more than a misinterpretation of South Africa's selection philosophy.

Three newspapers in the republic and the South African Broadcasting Corporation published comments by Nic Labuschagne, chairman of Sarfu tour's committee, apparently suggesting that the tour to New Zealand by South Africa next year would not include a fixture against the New Zealand Maoris because of the "racially exclusive" nature of their team.

Since Labuschagne is a director of Rugby World Cup Limited and the 1995 World Cup is to be held in South Africa, such comments could be seen as at best injudicious and at worst inflammatory. However, Patel, recently returned from Edinburgh, where he was with Eddie Tonks, the New Zealand council chairman, suggested yesterday that Labuschagne was only reiterating the outline of the union's non-racial philosophy.

"Sarfu does not and will not select on a racial basis," Patel said. "By extension of that policy, Sarfu will not play against a team which is selected on a racial basis." But Patel said his union would not attempt to prescribe to another country how they should select their teams, "nor will Sarfu ever refuse to play against any team which has the blessing of its union. Should the New Zealand RFU require South Africa to play against a Maori team, we will gladly do so."

When New Zealand made their tour to South Africa last August, the late Danie Craven, then president of the Sarfu, urged that a fixture with the Maoris should be played next year. From his previous contacts, Craven recognised the tradition of Maori rugby in New Zealand.

There is a view, probably a minority one, that Maori rugby should be merged into other representative New Zealand teams. The contrary opinion is that Maori rugby has made a great contribution and should be fostered as a valuable sporting and social entity.

The British Isles will play the Maoris in Wellington on May 29, sustaining an historic touring tradition, but in these days of 13-match tours, many provincial unions clammer for their share of the cake to the exclusion of old established fixtures between combined sides and the touring visitors. The 1994 itinerary for South Africa has not been finalised, but, after this furore, it seems unlikely that the Maoris will be omitted.

To suggest that the Maoris — who made the first tour from their country to Britain in 1888 and who have toured as such within the last decade in Europe and South America — are picked for racially exclusive reasons is to completely misunderstand their place in New Zealand rugby. There is a case in the new South Africa for picking development teams on exactly the same basis, as an encouragement to players who, under the old regime, were denied such opportunities.

Hungry Tigers maul hapless Minnesota

THE Detroit Tigers continued to score prolifically in major-league baseball at the weekend, sweeping a three-game series from the Twins in Minnesota (Robert Kirley writes). The Tigers won 12-4, 17-1 and 16-5 to score in double figures in three consecutive outings for the first time since 1984.

On Sunday, Chad Kreuter and Tony Phillips, of Detroit, hit successive home runs in an eight-run seventh inning. The Tigers, who hit 11 home runs in the series, have won ten of their last 11 games and lead the big leagues with 145 runs scored.

Other clubs heated up their bats to record lopsided results. Jose Canseco hit a two-run double during an 11-run sixth inning and added a two-run home run as the Texas Rangers beat the Milwaukee Brewers 15-4. Chris Sabo and Joe Oliver, of the Cincinnati Reds, each hit a grand slam in a 15-5 rout of the Chicago Cubs.

Chris Bosio, of the Seattle Mariners, a man without a fastball, pitched the first no-hitter of the season in beating the Boston Red Sox 7-0. A curveball specialist who relies on placement rather than power, he signed as a free agent after winning 16 games for Milwaukee last year. Cal Eldred pitched a one-hitter for eight-plus innings, leading Milwaukee 3-0 past Texas.

The Colorado Rockies beat the Florida Marlins 5-4 in the first game between the National League expansion teams in front of 57,784 supporters in Denver. The Marlins won the next two games.

Bud Selig, the chief executive of the Brewers and the head of the owners' executive council, said a committee has cut the list of candidates to succeed the commissioner, Fay Vincent, to 40 or 50. Vincent was dismissed last season.

Mark Koenig, the starting shortstop and last surviving member of the 1927 New York Yankees, considered one of the greatest teams in history, died last Thursday. He was 88. The line-up was known as "Murderers' Row", which included Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and four other Hall of Fame players.

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Stuttgart place given to Lewis

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Lewis, twice the English cross-country champion, will go to the world championships in Stuttgart in August carrying the credibility of Britain's marathon selectors on his back. Lewis was named yesterday as the unexpected choice for the third men's team spot. Steve Jones and Paul Evans had been chosen in February.

Lewis, 31, has run only one marathon, in the modest time of 2hr 13min 49sec in New York last November. Two Britons who have run faster this month, Andy Green (2:12:12 in Paris) and David Buzza (2:12:24 in London), have been named as reserves, but have been given definite places, with Kevin McChuskey, for the World Cup in San Sebastián on October 31.

While the decision seems harsh on Green and Buzza, the argument for Lewis is that he has a fine record over shorter distances.

Lewis was Eamonn Martin's successor as English Schools 1,500 metres champion in 1976 and has won national titles at the steeplechase, 5,000 metres, 10,000 metres, 10 miles road, half marathon and cross country. But most of those were years ago. Injuries blighted his progress but he signalled his recovery last September by finishing seventh in the world half-marathon championship.

Cardiff illustrate rising standards

Norman de Mesquita reviews a promising ice hockey season and the lessons it offers

BRITISH ice hockey is at a crossroads. Last weekend's Heineken championship at Wembley was the last under that banner and the British Ice Hockey Association (BIHA) has the unenviable task of trying to find a suitably generous replacement.

At least it has an attractive product. The domestic game is in fairly good shape and the quality of Cardiff Devils' play at Wembley showed how much standards have improved during the past ten years. At international level, the British team gained promotion to pool A of the world championships and is due to take part in an Olympic qualifying tournament in the autumn.

The introduction of wage-capping for next season should ensure that clubs keep their expenditure within bounds, which is essential in the light of the demise of Ayr Raiders this season and the number of clubs that are hanging by a financial thread. Ice rinks still find it difficult to make money and the recent closure of Milton Keynes emphasises the problems facing operators and promoters.

It is rumoured that the premier division is to be enlarged next season, but due regard should be paid to the danger of diluting the quality of the league, which could drive away spectators who fear too many one-sided games.

The success story of 1992-3 is the advance of Sheffield Steelers. In only their second season, they consistently drew crowds of more than 8,000 and showed what can be achieved with aggressive marketing and sensible pricing. If only more people could be persuaded to build arenas of comparable size, rather than the 2,000-seaters that seem to be the modern norm.

The sport's administration still leaves something to be desired and the BIHA should try to ensure that any spokesman who appears on television or radio is primed to say the right thing and not be in danger of showing the sport in an unfavourable light.

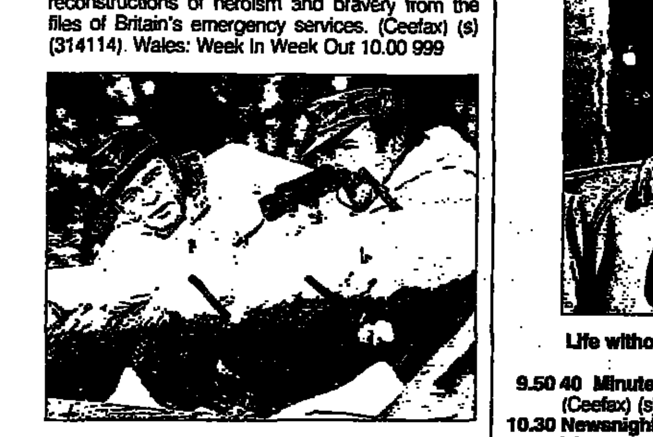
There must also be an effort to tighten up discipline, ensuring that rules are adhered to and that there are fewer instances of what often seems, to the layman, examples of rules and regulations being made to suit the moment — for example, allowing Steve Moria and Todd Bidner to replace the injured Chris Kelland and Scott Neil respectively for this year's play-offs.

However, ice hockey is still a spectacular and entertaining spectator sport and it is to be hoped that a new sponsor can be convinced of this, otherwise next season could be a struggle for survival.

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6.00 Business Breakfast (25319)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (32770379)
9.05 Love, Lust and Loneliness Members of the public take on the roles of amateur agony aunts. Shyama Perera presents and the venerable Marje Proops is there to provide an experienced professional counterbalance (s) (1633756) **9.35 King of the Road**. Ross King and Anna Walker visit Hull (s) (6437224)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8342973) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (7754027)
10.30 Good Morning...with Anne and Nick. Daily magazine programme (s) (88448350)
12.05 Pebble Mill with Judi Spiers (s) (4061060)
12.45 Good Morning...with Anne and Nick The morning's events reviewed (s) (14557824) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (37616350)
1.00 One O'Clock News with John Tusa (Ceefax). Weather (44350) **1.30 Neighbours** (Ceefax) (s) (11832379)
1.50 World Snooker Dougie Donnelly introduces quarter-final action in the Embassy world professional championship (s) (55111350)
3.50 The Brollys (r) (2748027) **4.05 Bodger and Badger**. Comedy series set in a school (r) (s) (5334621) **4.20 Happy Families** (r) (s) (5355114) **4.35 Prince Valiant** (Ceefax) (s) (7934621)
5.00 Newsround (5821640) **5.10 The Lowdown** Young motorbike enthusiasts enjoy a weekend in Knockhill, Fife, last August. (Ceefax) (s) (6305331)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (614466). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford (Ceefax) Weather (466)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (718). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wildlife 100: Meerkats United One of David Attenborough's top 12 *Wildlife on One* classics. Cameraman Richard Goss spent a year following a family of meerkats in their harsh Kalahari desert home (r) (Ceefax) (5602)
7.30 EastEnders (Ceefax) (s) (602)
8.00 Luv. Comedy series by Carla Lane starring Michael Angelis and Sue Johnston. (Ceefax) (s) (4350)
8.30 On the Up. A repeat of the comedy series starring Dennis Waterman as a self-made millionaire with family problems. (Ceefax) (s) (3485)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with John Humphrys (Ceefax). Regional news and weather (8911)
9.30 999. Michael Buerk and Juliet Morris introduce more reconstructions of heroism and bravery from the files of Britain's emergency services. (Ceefax) (s) (314114). Wales: Week In Week Out 10.00 999



Commandos: Burton and Eastwood (10.20pm)

10.20 Film: Where Eagles Dare (1969) starring Clint Eastwood and Richard Burton. Second world war drama, based on the novel by Alistair MacLean, about an elite group of commandos ordered to rescue a captured American general being held by the Germans in a supposedly impregnable Bavarian fortress. Directed by Brian G Hutton. (Ceefax) (52864008) Northern Ireland: Greenfingers 10.50-12.55 Film: The Sting; Wales: 10.50-1.20 Film: Where Eagles Dare **12.50am Weather** (3410770)
2.15-3.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (696935) **3.15 Legal Network Television**. Scrambled (91577)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Electrons and Atoms (4097756) **7.10** Exams. A Curious Kind of Ritual (6544843) **7.35** Juggling with Physics (7821973)
8.00 Breakfast News (8634447)
8.15 Westminster (5647621)
9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational programmes including, for children, **1.20 Just-So Stories**. *How the Camel Got His Hump*, narrated by Geoffrey Matthews (13523263) **1.30 The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends**. Animation (62671244) **1.35 Pinny's House**. Animation (62603843)
2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (42032843) **2.15 A Week To Remember** (b/w). Pathé newsclips from 40 years ago this week (15010485) **2.25 Break Out** Damien Johnson, in his pursuit of unusual sports, tries his hand at carriage driving (60843485) **2.30 See Hear!** Magazine series for the hearing impaired (r) (s) (379)
3.00 News and weather (8330379) followed by **Westminster Live** (8484756) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8762553)
4.00 World Snooker. David Vine introduces quarter-final action in the Embassy world professional championship, from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield. The commentators are Ted Lowe, Jack Karnehm and Clive Everton (s) (2379)
6.00 Film: Sign of the Pagan (1954) starring Jeff Chandler and Jack Palance. Hollywood version of the life and times of Attila the Hun, tracing his march across Europe to his ultimate destination — Rome. Directed by Douglas Sirk (97157621)
7.35 The Great Picture Trail. In the second of his series on great paintings from Britain's galleries Neil MacGregor discusses *Old Woman Cooking Eggs*, by Velázquez, and Manet's *Bar at the Folies-Bergère* (Ceefax) (455398)
7.45 Assignment: Blood on the Icons. Postponed from last week, a documentary about how Russian vandals are sacking the country's holy places for religious artefacts and selling them to Western dealers who turn a blind eye to their provenance (124331)
8.30 Secret Nature: Call of the Sea. In the last of his series Andrew Cooper investigates man's influence on the sea and channel shores. (Ceefax) (s) (1027)
9.00 World Snooker. Further coverage from Sheffield (s) (905114)



Life without Morecambe: Ernie Wise (9.50pm)

9.50 40 Minutes: The Importance of Being Ernie. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (204398)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (323282)
11.15 World Snooker. Quarter-final action (s) (450060)
11.55 Weather (106027)
12.00 Fontainebleau. A history of the French palace, reflecting the uses made of it by Francis the First and his successors (2900867). Ends at **12.25am**

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40 Minutes: The Importance of Being Ernie
BBC2, 9.50pm

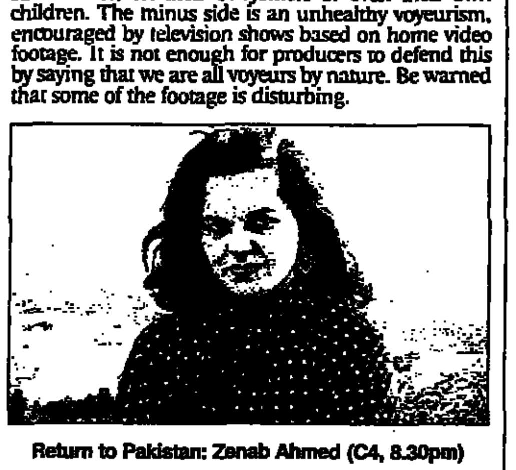
Preserved in the archive is a piece of banter in which Eric Morecambe says to Ernie Wise: "Without me, on your own, you'd be lost. Let's be honest". Russell England's film is an attempt to discover whether true words were spoken in jest. Morecambe died in 1984 and Ernie confesses it has taken most of the time since to become himself again. He is also sensitive about being seen as the partnership's straight man, as if this was all he did. But he is no sad-faced clown, asking for pity. He could afford to retire tomorrow but says he still has a compulsion to work. The question is, what sort of work. He reckons that television has written him off and last Christmas he went back into pantomime. He is adamant that he will not retire.

Viewpoint 93: The Lost Fleet of the Guadalcanal
ITV, 10.40pm

An obscure island in the south Pacific, Guadalcanal became the theatre for one of the decisive battles of the second world war. For six months in 1942 and 1943 the Americans and Japanese slogged it out, with huge losses on both sides, until US bombers made the decisive strike. The conflict is recalled in archive footage and by survivors who even today find it difficult to hide their emotions. The ostensible purpose of the film is to follow Dr Bob Ballard's search for the 50 or so ships which were sunk during the fighting. Ballard is the American explorer who successfully located the Titanic and the Bismarck. But his efforts to find the wrecked hardware of Guadalcanal are upstaged by the human story from half a century ago.

Videos, Vigilantes and Voyeurism
Channel 4, 11.35pm

A report on the growth of video in the United States thoughtfully balances the advantages and the dangers. On the plus side video has made newsgathering cheaper and more flexible and has enabled the ordinary citizen to compete with the professionals. As in the Rodney King beating, video evidence has helped to expose the abuse of authority. Perhaps more contentiously, individuals are able to mount their own surveillance, on their babysitters or even their own children. The minus side is an unhealthy voyeurism, encouraged by television shows based on home video footage. It is not enough for producers to defend this by saying that we are all voyeurs by nature. Be warned that some of the footage is disturbing.



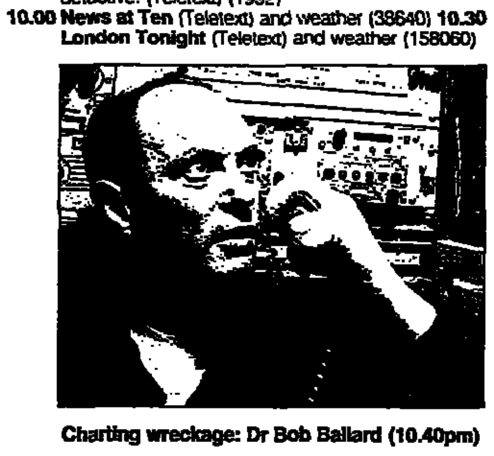
Return to Pakistan: Zenab Ahmed (C4, 8.30pm)

Maiden Voyages
Channel 4, 8.30pm

A new series of half-hour films features ordinary women making unusual journeys. The first takes Zenab Ahmed from Britain to Pakistan. The daughter of an English mother and Pakistani father, she left Pakistan when her parents separated and has not been back for 26 years. Her ultimate goal is to reestablish contact with her father, who has remarried. But first she tries to get the feel of what has become almost a foreign country. She is particularly interested in the status of women and finds them not quite as repressed as the Western media sometimes make out. The programme is too short to give more than a quick glimpse but Zenab draws fruitfully on the experience of her two cultures. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV The guests include Donald Spoto, author of a new biography of Marilyn Monroe, and Sonia, the United Kingdom's representative in the Eurovision Song Contest (7483553)
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word game (s) (7826263) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7730447)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... (4442485)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (88449089)
12.10 Wizadora. Children's puppet series (8008447)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (8877373) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (93237911)
1.15 Home and Away Australian family drama (Teletext) (405391) **1.45 A Country Practice** Medical drama (s) (855832)
2.15 Travel UK Valerie Singleton and Chris Packham try a wildlife holiday in Scotland, race round the Brands Hatch track, canoe down the River Tamar; and admire the gardens at Great Dixter. The guest, cartoonist Bill Tidy, explores the Black Country (s) (700783) **2.45 Families** (s) (4471114)
3.10 ITN News headlines (8341485) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8340756) **3.20 Blockbusters**. General knowledge quiz (1263992)
3.50 The Gingerbread Man (r) (Teletext) (s) (8766379) **4.00 The Raggy Dolls** (r) (s) (5337718) **4.15 The Dreamstone** (r) (s) (4247794) **4.40 Finders Keepers**. Frenetic game show (6554640)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (7741422)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (224992)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (61466)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (7916)
7.30 Dilly Down Town. Dilly Braimoh continues his series celebrating multicultural London with a look at black African communities (s) (398)
8.00 The Bill: Coming to Terms. When the parents of a young man accused of murdering a child receive threatening telephone calls and have their home broken into, suspicion falls on the victim's mother. But DS Greig's investigations point in a different direction (Teletext) (6718)
8.30 The Cook Report Update. Roger Cook reviews a number of his investigations (8553)
9.00 Taggart. Episode two of the three-part thriller starring Mark McManus as the dour Glaswegian detective. (Teletext) (1992)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (38640) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (158060)

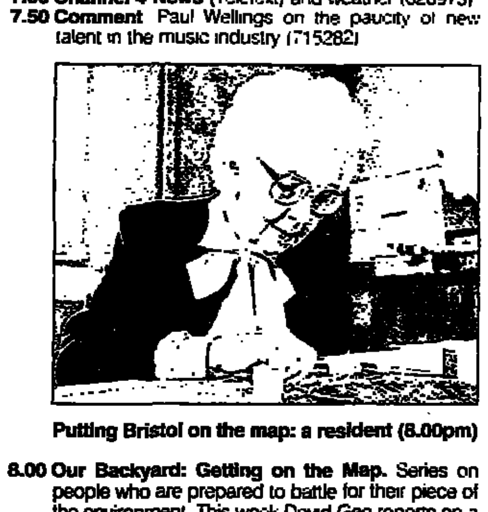


Charting wreckage: Dr Bob Ballard (10.40pm)

10.40 Viewpoint '93: The Lost Fleet of the Guadalcanal (s) See Choice (445843)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian drama serial (446992)
12.30am Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93. A preview of the trials for the Indianapolis 500 (11225)
1.00 The Little Picture Show. Film and video reviews (62157)
2.00 Film: Twin Beds (1942, b/w) starring George Brent, Joan Bennett and Mischa Auer. Romantic comedy about a newly-wed couple living next door to an eccentric concert singer who develops a crush on the wife. Directed by Tim Whelan (94995)
3.30 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (67190)
4.00 The Beat (r) (s) (50683)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (20022)
5.30 ITN Morning News (40225). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage American comedy series starring Lucille Ball (r) (69350)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules Cat and dog cartoon series (r) (3286973)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (34973)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (22089)
9.30 Schools (723640)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Anne Perkins with news of business in both Houses (35553)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early-learning entertainment (r) (71244) **1.30 Chicken Minute** Children's puppet series (r) (s) (43060)
2.00 Film: They Shall Have Music (1939, b/w) starring Jascha Heifitz. Sentimental tale of a classical violinist who comes to the aid of a music school for slum children that is threatened with closure. Directed by Archie Mayo (859176)
3.50 Madcap Magoo. Cartoon (8757621)
4.00 Back From the Blue A *Survival* documentary on the short summer breeding cycle and life inside the nest of house martins (517)
4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving general knowledge knock out quiz. The question-master is William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (911)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show A discussion on how long it now takes newly-weds to become disenchanted with each other (Teletext) (s) (7380992)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout Classic children's entertainment (r) (450263)
6.00 Mork and Mindy Vintage American comedy starring Robin Williams and Pam Dawber (176)
6.30 Eerie, Indiana Surreal comedy set in a midwestern American town (s) (756)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (626973)
7.50 Comment Paul Wellings on the paucity of new talent in the music industry (715282)



Putting Bristol on the map: a resident (8.00pm)

8.00 Our Backyard: Getting on the Map. Series on people who are prepared to battle for their piece of the environment. This week David Gee reports on a project in which Bristol residents are asked to contribute their ideas and memories to a map of the area. (Teletext) (7060)
8.30 Maiden Voyage: Pakistan. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (6195)
9.00 Without Walls: New Nightmares. The last of three documentaries coinciding with C4's *Movie Nightmares* season. *Them* is an exploration of modern-day fears of alien bodies, from the extra terrestrial invader to the immigrant worker, and the mass reactions to these anxieties (9534)
10.00 Film: Phase IV (1974) starring Nigel Davenport. The *Movie Nightmares* season continues with this science fiction thriller about a fanatical scientist battling killer ants in the Arizona desert. Directed by Saul Bass. (Teletext) (940909)
11.35 Videos, Vigilantes and Voyeurism. See Choice (550534)
12.35am Dream On. Adult comedy about the love life of a divorced New York publisher (r). (Teletext) (s) (4369683)
1.05 The Nat King Cole Show (b/w). Tony Martin, recorded at the Sands Hotel, Las Vegas (3409664) Ends at **1.35**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1263992) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (7741422) **6.00** Home and Away (740398) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (979282) **7.30-8.00** Anglia At War (398) **12.35** Film: The Man Who Died Twice (301157) **2.15** The Little Picture Show (681003) **3.15** ITV Chart Show (4677190) **4.10** Diahann Carroll (67401515) **4.20** Phenomena (67407799) **4.30** Riviera (57664) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (20022)

BORDER
As London except: 3.20-3.50 Sons and Daughters (1263992) **6.00** Lookaround (534) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (114) **7.30-8.00** Ronan on the Road (398) **12.35** Film: The Man Who Died Twice (301157) **2.15** The Little Picture Show (681003) **3.15** ITV Chart Show (4677190) **4.10** Diahann Carroll (67401515) **4.20** Phenomena (67407799) **4.30** Riviera (57664) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (20022)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (405391) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (855832) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (1263992) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (7741422) **6.00** Home and Away (704398) **6.25-7.00** Central News (979282) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (398) **11.40** Film: The Stone Killer (882176) **1.25** Kojak (5608799) **2.20** The Big E (1083022) **3.15** Sport AM (610515) **4.15-5.20** Jobfinder (5421751)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (405391) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (855832) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (4471114) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (1263992) **5.10-5.40** Dinosaurs (7741422) **6.00** Home and Away (534) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (114) **7.30-8.00** The Big Green Boat Show (398) **12.35** Film: The Man Who Died Twice (301157) **2.15** The Little Picture Show (681003) **3.15** ITV Chart Show (4677190) **4.10** Diahann Carroll (67401515) **4.20** Phenomena (67407799) **4.30** Riviera

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (855832) **3.20-3.50** The Sullivans (1263992) **6.00** HTV News (534) **6.30-7.00** Fit to Win (114) **7.30-8.00** Country Watch (398) **11.40** Night Heat (828447) **12.35** Film: The Man Who Died Twice (301157) **2.15** The Little Picture Show (681003) **3.15** ITV Chart Show (4677190) **4.10** Diahann Carroll (67401515) **4.20** Phenomena (67407799) **4.30** Riviera (57664) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (20022)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** On The Edge **7.30-8.00** The Sherman Plays. Sound of Stillness **11.40-12.35** Boxing

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1263992) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (534) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (114) **7.30-8.00** Loud and Clear (398) **11.40-12.30** Island Son (446992) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1263992) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (534) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (114) **7.30-8.00** Billy (398) **11.40** Samson Daris Classic (828447) **12.35** Comedy Tonight (9259867) **1.00** The Little Picture Show (62157) **2.00** Sledge Hammer (64003) **2.30** 60 Minutes (2429393) **3.25** Countdown (9434157) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (6405912)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Fair City (855832) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (61466) **7.30-8.00** McGilloway's Way (398) **11.40** Crime Story (828447) **12.35** Film: The Man Who Died Twice (301157) **2.15** The Little Picture Show (681003) **3.15** ITV Chart Show (4677190) **4.10** Diahann Carroll (67401515) **4.20** Phenomena (67407799) **4.30** Riviera (57664) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (20022)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 3.20-3.50 A Country Practice (1263992) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (61466) **7.30-8.00** Brief Encounters (398) **12.35** Film: The Man Who Died Twice (301157) **2.15** The Little Picture Show (681003) **3.15** ITV Chart Show (4677190) **4.10** Diahann Carroll (67401515) **4.20** Phenomena (67407799) **4.20** Riviera (57664) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (20022)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1263992) **5.55** Calendar (625824) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (114) **7.30-8.00** Billy (398) **11.40** Tour of Duty (828447) **12.35** Comedy Tonight (9259867) **1.00** The Little Picture Show (62157) **2.00** Sledge Hammer (64003) **2.30** 60 Minutes (2429393) **3.25** Countdown (9434157) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (6405912)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (34973) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (22089) **9.30** Ysgolion (723640) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (35553) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (51089) **1.00** Sesame Street (49244) **2.00** The Late Late Show (24008) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (3329008) **3.55** Happy Days (2912076) **4.25** Slot 23 (3308379) **5.00** Fifteen to One (8176) **5.30** Moviewatch (263) **6.00** Newyddion (184718) **6.10** Heno (868535) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1640) **7.30** Mwy O Swigs (640) **8.00** Stelato (7060) **8.30** Newyddion (223911) **8.55** Snwcer (436008) **9.30** Cardboard Citizens (64553) **10.00** The Golden Palace (36282) **10.30** The Beiderbecke Affair (41534) **11.30** Viva Cabaret (464398) **12.15** New Nightmares (609409) **1.15** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (24045282) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5844331) **9.10** Cartoons (5769534) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (99263) **10.00** Strike It Rich (4573027) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (8823486) **10.30** Concentration (68805) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (41319) **11.30** Falcon Crest (62263) **12.30pm** E Street (23909) **1.00** Another World (6830331) **1.45** Santa Barbara (625176) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (301379) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (646669) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (4410534) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3263) **6.00** Games World (7195) **6.30** E Street (8447) **7.00** Rescue (4992) **7.30** Family Ties (7331) **8.00** Murphy Brown (3640) **8.30** Anything But Love (9447) **9.00** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (51027) **10.00** Designing Women (83114) **10.30** Star Trek. The Next Generation (83534) **11.30** Studs (63911) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (70350) **6.30** News and Business Report (301737) **9.30** Nightline (97805) **10.00** Daytine (72669) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (59911) **11.30** International Business Report (60805) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (60027) **1.30** Good Morning America (61756) **2.30** Parliament (8441805) **3.15** Parliament (2060282) **4.30** News and Business Report (4244) **5.00** Live at Five (67447) **6.30** News and Business Report (63331) **7.30** Target (5973) **10.30** Nightline (81176) **11.30** ABC News (51447) **12.30am** Beyond 2000 (79461) **1.30** ABC News (62954) **2.30** Target (87312) **3.30** ABC News (89157) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (91954) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (71119)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (6439114)
8.00 Survive the Savage Sea (1992): Robert Urich and Ali MacGraw are cast adrift in the Pacific (23945)
12.00 Hello Down There (1969) Comedy about a family living under water (49331)
2.00pm A Twist of Sand (1968): Richard Johnson searches for diamonds (493534)
3.45 On a Clear Day You Can See Forever (1970). Musical with Barbra Streisand and Yves Montand (19193485)
6.00 Survive the Savage Sea (as 10am) (25602)
8.00 Dangerous Passion (1990): Thriller about a businessman framed for murder. Starring Carl Weathers (37447)
10.00 Die Hard 2 (1990). Bruce Willis battles against airport terrorists (10216840)
12.05am Dillinger (1991): Mark Harmon stars as the 1930s gangster (750374)
1.40 Two Idiots in Hollywood (1988): Manic comedy (9298480)
3.00 Cry in the Wild: The Taking of Peggy Ann (1991) David Morse abducts Pennsylvania teenager Megan Follows (870356)
4.35 Victim of Beauty (1991): A beauty queen is kidnapped (8124480). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.15pm Young Frankenstein (1974): Mel Brooks spoof with Gene Wilder (85048373)
8.00 Cool Hand Luke (1967): Chain-gang prisoner Paul Newman goads boss man George Kennedy (62726263)
10.05 Django Strikes Again (1987): Franco Nero stars as the spaghetti western hero (8719963) Ends at **11.35**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.30am Dot and Keeto (2742737) **7.50 Dot and the Smuggler** (8486331): Live action and animation
9.00 On Our Own: Four siblings travel to their Uncle Jack's in Arizona (25973)
10.30 Big Ideas. Australian environmental drama (83812805)
12.10pm Swallows and Amazons (1974). Six children spend an idyllic summer boating in the Lake District (136602)
2.00 Bullshot (1983): Parody of the radio star Bulldog Drummond (43008)
4.00 On Our Own (as 9am) (6737)
6.00 September 30th 1955 (1978). Student Richard Thomas is affected by the death of his idol James Dean (23244)
8.00 The Antagonists (1991). Murder-mystery starring David Andrews (35089)
10.00 Silhouette (1991) Faye Dunaway witnesses a murder (679379)
11.35 Rainbow Drive (1990) Peter Weller investigates a murder cover-up (796176)
1.15am Beautiful Dreamers (1990): Drama about the friendship between mental asylum director Maurice Bucke and the poet Walt Whitman (420680)
3.05 Stealing Heaven (1988) The story of Heloise and Abelard (207954). Ends at **5.05**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Morning Stretch (90089) **7.00** Rugby League Academy (34911) **9.00** Morning Stretch (45553) **9.30** Trucks 'n' Tractors (89485) **10.00** Windsurfing (14669) **10.30** Boots 'n' All (91911) **11.30** Morning Stretch (49718) **12.00** US PGA Golf (672737) **3.00pm** Basketball (43534) **4.00** Football Special (62669) **5.00** Boots 'n' All (5263) **6.00** Soccer News (238981) **6.03** WWF Challenge (68992) **7.00** U-21's Football. England v Holland (557669) **9.30** The Footballers' Football Show (98602) **10.30** German League Football (97824) **12.30am** Motor World (84119) **1.00-1.30** Sports Special (73225)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (19602) **8.00** Golf (10553) **9.00** Paris Marathon (18534) **10.00** Ice Hockey (61089) **12.00** Eurogoals (64176) **1.00pm** Football (73824) **2.00** Ice Hockey (510242) **5.00** Eurogoals (9701) **6.00** Eurofun (4263) **6.30** News (8843) **7.00** Ice Hockey (799843) **10.00** Snooker (37973) **12.00-12.30am** News (99436)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (12203992) **6.15** Jamie and the Magic Torch (12208447) **6.30** The All New Popeye Show (6757398) **7.00** Beverly Hills Teens (3409398) **7.30** Neighbours (3488805) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1827534) **8.30** EastEnders (1826805) **9.00** The Bill (1840485) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (5607008) **10.30** Casualty (6384350) **11.30** No Place Like Home (1311534) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1820821) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9266756) **1.00** EastEnders (3408669) **1.30** The Bill (3265027) **2.00** Going Straight (7983824) **2.30** Bread (3447094) **3.00** Dallas (1315350) **4.00** Dynasty (1334485) **5.00** Blankety Blank (7974176) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (3142242) **6.00** Neighbours (2097563) **6.30** When the Boat Comes In (3259737) **7.30** Going Straight (2992909) **8.00** EastEnders (7963060) **8.30** Bread (7982195) **9.00** Casualty (9215114) **10.00** The Bill (1821350) **10.30** The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to The Galaxy (1847398) **11.00** The Kenny Everett Television Show (1335114) **11.30** *Dr Who* (6737534) **12.00** Film: Carefree (1938, b/w) starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers (9486480) **1.30-2.00am** Videos (1170225)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (40669) **7.00** Ratkan II (49417) **9.00** Jack in the Box (58244) **11.00** Stories Without Words (71331) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (72060) **12.00** Secret Valley (88850) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (28398) **2.00** Stories Without Words (2718) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (5398) **3.00** Bobobobs (4553) **3.30** Ratkan II (28008) **5.00** Pugwall's Summer (6398) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (9114) **6.00** Fame (88814)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Developing Communities in the West of Ireland
6.55 Weather **7.00 On Air**: Debussy (Nuages, Fêtes, Nocturnes); Mozart (Bassoon Concerto in B flat, K191); Haydn (Symphony No 58 in F); Handel, arr Harty (Suite, Music for the Royal Fireworks)
9.00 Composer of the Week. Hummel (Piano Trio in E, Op 83; Cello Sonata in A, Romanza and Rondo; Piano Quintet in E flat minor, Op 87)
10.00 Max and Friends: Bach (Toccata and Fugue in F, BWV 540); Beethoven (Bagatelles, Op 119); Telemann (Overture, Suite, in B flat, Tafelmusik), Reger (Flieder, Op 35 No 4; Anmutiger Vertrag, Op 62 No 16, Viola d'amour, Op 55 No 11, Wiegenlied, Op 43 No 5, Engelwacht, Op 68 No 4; Sag es nicht, Op 43 No 8; Reger (Clarinet Sonata in F sharp minor, Op 49 No 2); Reger (Waldeinsamkeit, Beim Schneewetter, Schlecht's Wetter, Mit Rosen bestreut; Wenn die Linden blüht, Mei Bua, Schlichte Weisen, Op 76), J. Strauss, son (Waltz, Liebeslieder)
12.00 Utrecht '92 (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 Berlin Philharmonic under Zubin Mehta, Guy Braunstein Piano Trio performs Beethoven (Triple Concerto in C); Strauss (Ein Heldenleben)
2.35 1991 Esztergom International Guitar Festival. Barrios (Leyenda de España); Wolfgang Lendle (La Cadenza); Pieter van der Staak (Belle Fleur); Bach, transcr Eotvos (Goldberg Variations)
3.25 Italian Baroque Violin Sonatas: Corelli (Sonata in C, Op 5 No 3); Tartini (Sonata in G minor, Devil's Trill) (r)
3.50 Arensky: Stephen Coombs, piano; BBC Scottish SO perform Piano Concerto in F minor, Op 2; Fantasia on Russian Folksongs, Op 48
4.30 Bluebird Blues. Francis Willord-Smith traces the history of the Bluebird label
5.00 In Tune, with Anthony Burton
7.30 Pebble Mill. Martyn Hill, tenor, Andrew Ball, piano, play Lili Boulanger (Clairières dans le ciel). **8.10** Jeffrey Richards considers the development of swearing. **8.30** Purcell, arr Britten (Divine Hymns); Britten (Canticle I, My Beloved is Mine); Copland (Old American Songs, Set 1)
9.20 Porter's Return: Opera. The second of five progammes in which the music critic Andrew Porter compares British and American musical life
9.30 Janáček: Slovak PO under Pesek performs Moravian Dances and Incidental music: Schluck and Jau
9.50 Warsaw Autumn '91: Netherlands Schoenberg Ensemble under Reinbert de Leeuw performs Mauricio Kagel (Phantasiestück for flute, piano and instrumental ensemble, 1987-88); Jan van Vlijmen (Nonet, 1985)
10.45 Night Waves: Valentine Cunningham reviews Mike Alfred's musical comedy, *Love in the Country*
11.30 Great Masters Restored: Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Charles Mackerras performs Mendelssohn's Overture; Scherzo; Nocturne; Wedding March, A Midsummer Night's Dream; Symphony No 4 in A, Italian **12.30-12.35am News**
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444. Lines open from 8am
10.00-10.30 A Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides (FM only): Martyn Wiley and Ian McMillan follow in the footsteps of Boswell and Johnson (4/6)
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): A selection of poetry on the theme of death. Read by Paul Scofield, Brid Brennan, David Holt and Alison Reid
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to the actress and comedienne Josie Lawrence about her role as Moll Flanders. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 All in the Mind: See Choice
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Quote ... Unquote: Nigel Rees chairs the quotation game from the King's Lynn Fiction Festival. With Anthony Thwaite, Germaine Greer, Malcolm Bradbury and Stephen Fry **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Sanctified, by Othniel Smith. Paula Bartram and Helen Gwyn play two Cardiff girls, Marcia and Theresa, whose idolatry of a rock-star is shattered
2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes with carillonneur Ronald Leith in the bell-tower of St Nicholas's Church in Aberdeen
3.00-4.00 Tuesday Lives (FM only): Joanna Buchan presents the stories of woman boxer Jane Johnson, a blind man who regained his sight, and Carmel who escaped from an Indonesian prison
3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope talks to John Harvey, the creator of Resnick, the Nottingham detective; reviews James Wilby in Kafka's *The Trial* at the Young Vic; and listens to music from Mali
4.45 Short Story: Tomb. Written and read by Susie Maguire
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The House: Christopher Lee's political comedy (2/6) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Reckoning: Back to Sione. The Rev Colin Morris looks at the Africanisation of missions, and tells the story of Alice Lenshina
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Coming Home: Carl Roberts, a BFBS broadcaster on the East German border in the 1980s, gives the last of three talks on reunification
8.45 In Touch, with Peter White
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Love on a Branch Line, by John Hadfield. Read by Michael Cochrane (2/10)
11.00 Mad Dogs: Phil Smith considers English attitudes to money (3/4) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Music for Youth. *Radio 2, 9.00pm*.
Thirty thousand faces are reflected in the huge mirror that is annually held up to the nation's young music-makers. This is the total number of contestants aiming for a place in the National Festival of Music for Youth to be held in London in July. They belong to ten different categories, everything from choral, orchestral and chamber to brass bands and jazz. Auditions have taken place during the past few weeks, and Richard Stilgoe tonight introduces highlights from these eliminating heats.

All in the Mind. *Radio 4, 11.30am*.
Professor Anthony Clare is careful not to pitch his series about mental problems so far above non-technical heads that he ends up compounding those problems. The wisdom of this approach is underlined when he tackles matters such as work stress, the curse that falls on many. It is one of the topics in today's edition, and it takes in phone-phobia which, Clare says, is more common than people think. The question arises: will things get worse when sufferers use the video-phone, which puts pictures to words? **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW**. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** Loose Talk with Kevin Day (r) **9.00** Mr Lucky Andy Kershaw profiles John Lee Hooker (r) **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Andrew Neil **2.00pm** Debbie Thrower **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Mr Finchley Takes the Road (3/6) **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** Music for Youth. See Choice **10.00** In Good Voice (5/6) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Infant Science — See for Yourself; **9.15** First Steps in Drama, **9.35** Wordplay, **9.45** Singing Together, **10.05** Time to Move **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **12.30pm** Learn to Earn **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** A Game of Two Halves with John Inverdale and Frances Edmonds **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Crimewaves **7.15** Ghostly Tales for Ghastly Kids (r) **7.30** Football Plus **10.10** Earshot **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin, Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** World News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Ella **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Whatever Happened To... **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Around the World in 80 Minutes **10.30** But Why a Degree? **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Discovery **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Megamix **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 1 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Father and Son **3.45** World Bandstand **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News Headlines in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** World News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Megamix **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** World News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Concert Hall **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Omnibus **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Sound Business **2.45** Country Style **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Development '93 **4.00** World News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

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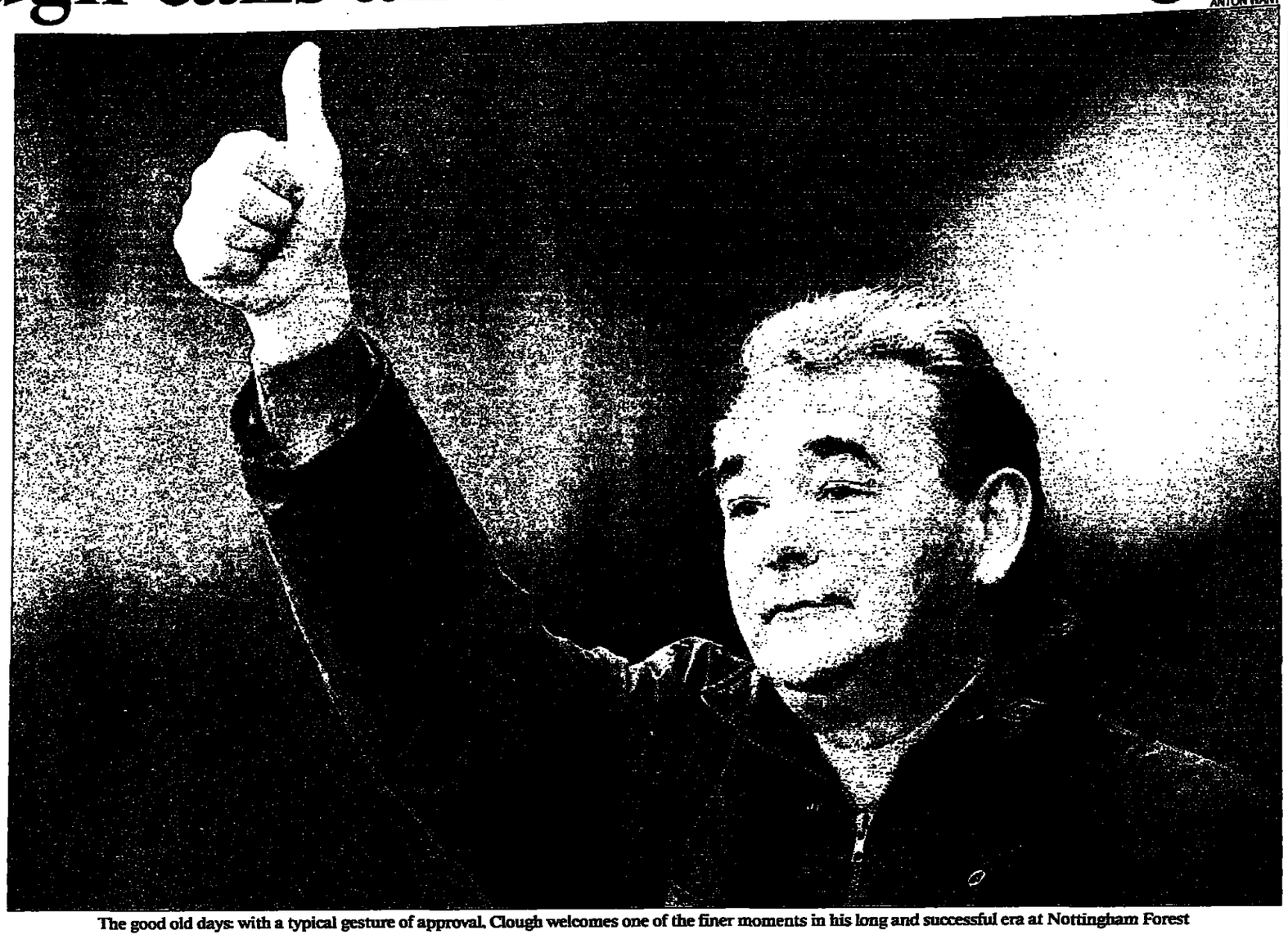
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Manager leaves behind boardroom turmoil after 18 years at Nottingham

Clough calls an end to Forest reign

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The good old days: with a typical gesture of approval, Clough welcomes one of the finer moments in his long and successful era at Nottingham Forest

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

THE race between Brian Clough and catastrophe has broken down two hurdles from the end of his eighteenth season managing Nottingham Forest. The manner of his going, a retirement forced from within the boardroom, reveals a club of betrayal, turmoil and decay.

Frankly, if these are the men of power that Clough leaves behind, not even the admirers of the style of his teams would care if his final side should now plummet out of the Premier League. The faltering voice of the chairman, Fred Reacher, as he announced from the City Ground yesterday morning that Clough would see out the final two games and go prematurely left us in no doubt where he stood. But it was clear, as Reacher commented "Brian and I have spent one-third of our lives together" that the chairman could not carry the board.

It is incredible that he lost to a minor member of that board. Chris Wootton, after Wootton had had a meeting with a Sunday newspaper. Wootton, alleged *The People*, had demanded £15,000 for *his allegations of Clough's* incapacity to manage and for a videotape showing him incapable of fulfilling a television commercial.

Wootton's denied yesterday that he had asked for or received money for his information. Nevertheless, it was the final straw for Clough who, one month ago, received the Freedom of Nottingham and, shortly before that, a vote of 126-41 against a motion at an extraordinary meeting of Forest shareholders to declare a loss of faith in the manager.

From within the team, Neil Webb, who returned this season from Manchester United but had spent, in all, five years under Clough, came this wish: "Hopefully the emotion at our final two games will help us to gain the results that keep Forest in the Premier League and give the gaffer a good send-off. Brian Clough has ruled the roost at Forest for so long, it will be weird starting again under a new manager."

That was the kindest of the informed observations. Some, including many journalists who have lived for years off the crumbs of Clough quotes, have spent this season throwing jibes at him as if the apparent physical deterioration of his face were a dart board made for their revenge.

For most of yesterday, it seemed that Clough himself would be confined on his retirement day to the single, characteristic rebuff to a press photographer encroaching on his home ground in the village of Quarndon: "Get off my grass, young man!"

However, Clough, 58, did later show himself to say: "Retirement is something I have been thinking about for nine months, but like a woman I might use my prerogative to change my mind. I have been in the game for 41 years and maybe the time has come to sit back and enjoy my pension."

Some pension it will certainly be. He had recently negotiated a year's extension on his contract, a year that defies yesterday's claim that retirement was a long-considered prospect, a year that was to defy all those who thought sickness was incipiently affecting his ability to buy and sell players or to manage clubs as he had done with astonishing distinction at Derby County and Forest, but with doleful and short failure at Leeds United and Brighton.

His forte used to be that he could inspire players to get every ounce of energy and effort out of their bodies. It was galvanised from the inner pain of having his own career stunted by a knee injury in his prime and the loyalty that players gave him contradicted the irascible behaviour of their boss and the constant suspicions that he was getting richer than he should by the power of management and the resonance of his voice.

He once admitted that his refuge to his own broken career had been to hit the bottle and that admission has come back to haunt him in last weekend's allegations. Now, while some of his enemies within the game have given voice to untenably sycophantic tributes, there have been some telling words too.

From Jack Charlton, rebuffed by the Football Association for the England manager's position in the same way that Clough was, these words: "It looks as though he has been hounded out of the game. It's a damn shame. Who will replace him over the next ten years? Plastic people no doubt."

And Graham Taylor, the man who got the England job both once aspired to, said: "It will bring the close to a glorious managerial career, one that has lifted football in many, many respects. People will always say that Brian should have been the international manager, but when perhaps his time came it was significant that the job usually goes to only one man of each generation.

"But Brian was a man of many parts, very opinionated, unpredictable and yet his achievements speak for themselves. He also, I can tell you, has a lovely wife as well as a lovely son."

The latter is a reference to Nigel Clough, a player who will sit on the bench for England once again on Wednesday, one whom many believe has been something of a prisoner between the disparate factions at Forest and whose father has lived the latter years of management through the son.

I doubt Nigel Clough would recognise all that they say of his father. The final words should come from a foreigner, looking in from the outside. Giancarlo Galavotti, of Italy's *Gazzetta Dello Sport* commented the instant the announcement was made: "Like all the great dictators, from de Gaulle to Thatcher, he stayed on a little too long."

☐ Raymond Goethals, 72, the coach of Marseilles, who meet AC Milan in the European Cup final on May 26, announced yesterday that he is to resign at the end of the season.

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Davis loses despite late flourish

By Phil Yates

ONE of Alan McManus's ambitions was simply to have the privilege of playing Steve Davis at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield. Yesterday, the unspoiled Scot beat Davis 13-11 at the Crucible to reach the quarter-finals of the Embassy world snooker championship.

McManus, who only four years ago was a little-known amateur, demonstrated the maturity and consistency that have been his trademark this season as, under mounting pressure, he repulsed a strong challenge from Davis in the concluding session.

"Steve always said that if you can play here as if it means nothing, when it means everything, you'll be difficult to beat. I tried to remember that and put it into practice when things got close." McManus, a great admirer of the six-times world champion, said.

Resuming 9-7 ahead, McManus signalled his intent with a break of 112 in the first frame of the day and moved 11-8 ahead by compiling a 79 break after Davis, presented with an early chance in the nineteenth frame, had missed a yellow using the rest.

Davis, of whom much was expected at this year's event after his triumphs in the European Open, British Open and Benson and Hedges Irish Masters since mid-February, appeared doomed when McManus went 12-9 up by taking a fine 21st frame.

Davis won the next two frames to trail 11-12 and a 52 break then put him on the verge of levelling. Then, needing only a blue to leave McManus requiring a snooker, he caught the jaws of the middle pocket. McManus remained composed to clear the colours and complete the biggest upset of this year's championship on the black.

"I couldn't stop shaking when I got down to the brown, but I told myself to calm down," he said. "I'm proud of what I've achieved. To beat Steve over the best of 25 frames is something special and it means a lot to me."

RESULTS: Second round: A McManus (Scot) bt S Davis (Eng), 13-11; J White (Eng) bt D Mountjoy (Wales), 13-6; J Wattana (Thai) leads S James (Eng), 11-5; N Foulds (Eng) leads M Clark (Eng), 10-8.

Gascoigne survives test

By Rob Hughes

FEARS for the inside of Paul Gascoigne's knee have been cleared by a scan — the question now is, if selected to play for England against Holland tomorrow, is he of fit enough mind to take the game to such leading rivals?

Certainly, he believes so. After training yesterday, the second full session he has survived unscathed, he was in intense rather than ebullient mood, concentrated and determined to give a performance rather more telling than his last two appearances, against San Marino and Turkey. With technique and flair required. Gascoigne once more assumes a role of central importance in a game crucial to World Cup qualifying group two, one in which England's best chance is to expose the opposition as better coming forward than defending.

"Suddenly the interest has all heated up," David Platt, the England captain, said. "This is only one match in the qualifying group, but we have been looking forward to it for months and now everyone else is interested."

He is expected to take an attacking role alongside Les Ferdinand, with Gascoigne behind them and with Barnes retained on the left.

The biggest question this leaves is who will occupy the left back position as a replacement for the injured Pearce and his deputy, Dorigo? Nigel Winterburn was yesterday, like Gascoigne, declared 100 per cent fit.

However, though Taylor was still prefacing remarks on each individual with "if selected", his own telling judgment on Winterburn as opposed to his club colleague, Martin Keown, suggests that the latter will have the job of marking Ruud Gullit. The manager was delighted to have Keown back in the squad: "In all Keown's first nine internationals for England, he did well," he said. "He is our best-man-for-man marker in any position across the back four."

☐ *Ugo Ehiogu, 20, of Aston Villa, will become the first black player to captain England at representative level when he leads the Under-21s against Holland tonight.*

ENGLAND UNDER-21 (v Holland Under-21, at Portsmouth): P Gerrard (Oldham Athletic), R Jones (Liverpool), B Small (Aston Villa), D Jackson (Everton), R Hall (Southampton), U Ehiogu (Aston Villa), G Pitcroft (Manchester City), M Sheron (Manchester City), C Sutton (Norwich City), N Cox (Aston Villa), D Anderton (Tottenham Hotspur)

Third umpire rejected

By Michael Henderson

TWO days into the Australian tour, all is sweetness and light. Following the meeting between the Test and County Cricket Board and the touring team's management yesterday, A. C. Smith, the board's chief executive, said there would be no "third umpire this summer . . . We are at one on all matters".

After a sullen year, it must be hoped that such accord holds throughout the six Test matches and three one-day internationals. By and large it should, for reasons of cultural similarity and 116 years of respectful, if not always amicable, mateship.

The board has not shifted in its opposition to the idea of the third umpire, which was introduced last winter for India's tour of South Africa. Umpires could refer difficult run-out and stumping calls to a colleague in the pavilion who, after consulting television replays, would flash a batsman out or not out.

Despite initial reservations, the Australians came to terms with the innovation when the New Zealanders employed it for the Test series between the countries earlier this year. Instead, the board will experiment with two-way radios in selected televised one-day games this season.

"We feel that the umpire has always been the sole arbiter," Ken Lawrence, the board's spokesman, said. "He puts his finger up and that is the way we wish it to remain."

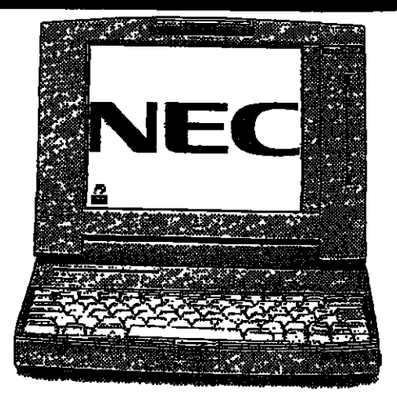
Bob Simpson, the Australia team manager, said his players would have been "more than happy" to play under the replay system. "We thought it worked wonderfully in New Zealand," he said. "At first, we imagined it would slow the game down, but in fact it added a dramatic dimension to the cricket.

"We had a lot of television decisions there including some which, from the sidelines, didn't look out until they were proved to be so. It takes pressure off the umpires and players accept decisions totally." As they should.

Unlike in the rest of first-class cricket this year, umpires will not inspect the ball at the end of every over in the Tests, although there will be frequent random checks. Should a ball need changing, the replacement will be of similar, not inferior, quality.

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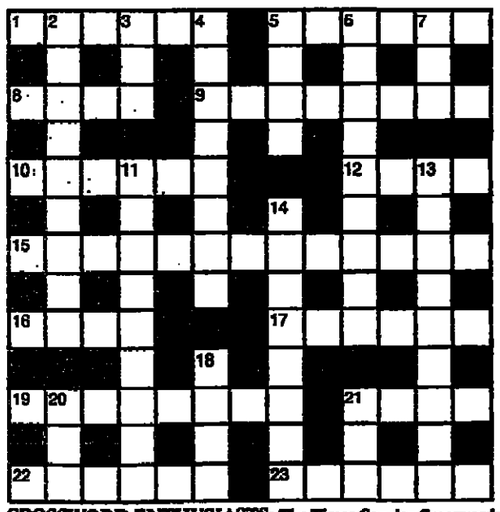
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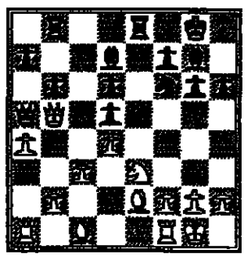
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Apicella — Petursson, *Iceland 1993. If black was dreaming of an immediate queen exchange, white's next move must have come as a rude awakening. What did he play?*



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PROOIMION
a. The first taste of wine
b. A prologue
c. The ramming beak of a warship

TOLUTILOQUENCE
a. Voluble speech
b. Blinkered fanaticism
c. Fertility, uberosity

SCIOLIST
a. A superficial scholar
b. An early Christian heretic
c. An astrologer

FLABELLIFER
a. A type of belled bracken
b. The carrier of a fan
c. The bell-wether of a flock

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